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Miscellaneous Recipients

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Bureau
of the
Mint
Treasury Department

July 24, 1925.

Hon. S. Nagai, Director,
The Imperial Mint,
Osaka, Japan.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a package containing proof coins forwarded by you on June 20, and your courtesy in forwarding these specimens is deeply appreciated.

The coins have been placed in the numismatic collection of the National Museum in this Capital.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1925.

Hon. Francisco Sanchez Latour,
Minister of Guatemala,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 22, in which you state that your Government desires to have 100,000 pieces of half a Quetzal and 160,000 pieces of a quarter of a Quetzal coined under the present order for 500,000 Quetzales. The Mint at Philadelphia has been directed to expedite this coinage as much as possible.

It is understood that the amounts indicated above when added to the 10,000 pieces of one Quetzals already shipped will make a total of 100,000 Quetzales.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1925.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find your bill H/6/7655, amount $99.90, covering express charges on shipment of $5,000 in cents, Philadelphia, Pa. to Cleveland, Ohio, June 2, 1925, attenting being invited to the rate charged - $2.80 per cwt. Should not the charge between the points mentioned be at the rate of $2.56 per cwt?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 24, 1925.

Mr. T. T. Belote.
Curator of History,
National Museum,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing specimen coins received this day from the Imperial Mint at Osaka, Japan. The coins have been acknowledged and the Director of the Imperial Mint has been advised that the specimens have been placed in the National collection.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1925.

Mr. Lucy J. Gauge,
Route 1, Box 67,
Bakersville, N.C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise that a visual examination of the same indicates that it is of no value.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The enclosed card contains information relative to assays of ore.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1925.

The Pullman Company,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Herewith your bill P-2106, in amount $225.03, covering accomodations furnished employees of the Mint Service during the month of June, 1925. Charge of $19.13 on transportation request #T-0604776 should be $8.25. Although this request was originally drawn for accomodations from Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., accomodations from Philadelphia, Pa. to Chicago, Ill., only were furnished and transportation request #T-0604777 used to secure accomodations from Chicago, Ill., to Denver, Colo., as per charge on bill under consideration. Receipt of Pullman conductor for $8.25, obtained by traveler, is enclosed to support the above facts; also receipt for $10.88 indicating balance of transportation, Chicago, Ill. to Denver, Colo., was furnished on transportation request #T-0604777.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 25, 1925.

Mr. J. C. Hobbs,
Mexia, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 20th you are advised that in the year 1873, there were coined$1,593,789 in half dollar pieces.

There was never a mint at Seattle. It is possible the coin you have referred to has the letter "S" which indicates that the same was manufactured at the mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1925.

Johnson Fare Box Company,
980 Eighth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 24th the Bureau takes pleasure in forwarding another copy of the penal code as requested by you.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1925.

Mr. C. G. Abbot, Assistant Secretary,
In Charge of Library and Exchange,
International Exchange Service,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 25, stating that the Victorian Exchange Agency has requested your office to procure for the Master of the Royal Mint in Melbourne, a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1922.

I have today taken pleasure in causing a copy of this report to be forwarded to you for transmission to the Victorian Exchange Agency.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1925.

The Solicitor of the Treasury,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The contracts listed below, entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, for services and supplies for the fiscal year 1926, are forwarded to you for examination as to their legal sufficiency in form and execution:

Samuel Threadgill
The Denver Towel & Supply Company
The Stearns-Roger Mnfg. Co.
General Chemical Company

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1925.

Hon. Samuel M. Shortridge,
United States Senator,
San Francisco, California.

Mint Philadelphia operating reducing machine on California dies twenty four hours When reductions have been completed die makers will work overtime in effort to advance date of shipment two or three days if physically possible.

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

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July 28, 1925.

Angelo J. Rossi,
California Diamond Jubilee Committee,
San Francisco, California.

Mint Philadelphia operating reducing machine on California dies twenty four hours When reductions have been completed die makers will work overtime in effort to advance date of shipment two or three days if physically possible.

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

July 28, 1925.

Night

Hon. R. J. Grant,
United States Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Find it will be possible have Peruvian coinage executed in Philadelphia in September  Secretary very desirous accommodating Peru  This arrangement will relieve San Francisco of this coinage

M. M. O'Reilly

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

July 28, 1925.

Rev. F. L. Hemmig,

Numidia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of July 27 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The coinage of the one dollar gold piece was discontinued by act of Congress in 1889, and there are none of these coins in the Treasury or in the mints. I regret that we are not able to assist you in securing one of these coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1925.

Mr. Louis Rameres,
3607 Gough Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the dime and half-cent piece forwarded with your letter of July 22 and have to advise that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

I would suggest that you consult a coin dealer or collector. The American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, may be able to assit you in determining the numismatic value of the pieces.

Respectfully,

M. B. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1925.

Mr. Morris H. Wetherill,
The Federal Appraisal Company,
Drexel Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 24 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins, and the agencies through which these coins were distributed. The Government does not place these coins in circulation, but the coins when completed are turned over by the mint at face value to agents designated in the special acts which authorized the coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1925.

Mr. Henry P. St. John,
77 Varney St.,
Lowell, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 10, please be advised that application for the coins you desire should be made as indicated below:

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| Illinois Centennial | State Treasurer,<br>Springfield, Illinois. |
| Missouri Centennial | Sedalia Bank & Trust Co.,<br>Sedalia, Mo. |
| Grant Memorial | U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association,<br>1012 Traction Building,<br>Cincinnati, Ohio. |
| Monroe Doctrine | Los Angeles Clearing House,<br>Los Angeles, California. |
| Huguenot-Walloon | Fifth National Bank,<br>New York City. |

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1925.

Mr. H. J. Graham,
Louisville Trust Company Building,
Louisville, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 22, the following is submitted:

The Government is not at this time in the market for silver. A coinage statement is enclosed showing the amount of silver being coined.

Coins are struck on Government account only. A charge is imposed for rendering bullion suitable for coinage purposes.

A gold dollar on leaving the mint is worth exactly its face value. The value of silver in a silver dollar is determined by the market price of silver. On the present market the silver contained in a silver dollar is worth approximately 62 cents.

The price of gold is fixed at $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine. In 1873 the bullion value of the gold dollar was its face value. The value of the silver contained in a silver dollar at that time, was $1.00 and 3 mills, practically par.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1925.

Mr. Floyd H. Lincoln,
Walton, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 25 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins and does not undertake to pass upon the numismatic value of old coins. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you seek.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

In 1854, gold dollars to the value of $1,657,016 were coined.

July 28, 1925.

Mr. John R. Sinnock,
71 St. Marys Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of July 27 , requesting that you be permitted to report for duty at the Philadelphia Mint on Monday, August 3, instead of Saturday the 1st. This extension of time is hereby granted, and the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been so advised.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Night letter. Washington,

July 28, 1925.

Angelo J. Rossi,
Chairman Jubilee Citizens Committee.
446 Phelan Building
San Francisco, Cal.

Every possible effort being exerted to have dies shipped from Mint Philadelphia direct to San Francisco Mint on August eleventh. San Francisco Mint will make preliminary preparations and be ready to coin immediately upon receipt of dies. How many coins will you ask for on first order. San Francisco Mint can coin approximately forty thousand pieces per day. Please arrange send draft to Superintendent U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, for three hundred dollars to cover cost master dies.

M. M. O'Reilly
Asting Director Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
COMMERCIAL RATES.
COLLECT.

July 29, 1925.

Hon. Francisco Sanchez Latour,
Minister of Guatemala,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose, in accordance with your request, a certificate of the weight and fineness of the 10,000 one Quetzal silver pieces manufactured at the United States Mint in Philadelphia for your Government, and shipped from that institution on June 11, 1925.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1925.

Mr. J. M. Rogers,
Garrison, Tennessee.

Sir:

The crystals forwarded by you, which are returned under separate cover, are small quartz crystals. They are very nice specimens of quartz crystallization, but are of no commercial value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1925.

Mr. Joseph Taney,
Huguenot Park,
Staten Island, Box 11,
New York.

Sir:

I am returning the five-cent piece forwarded with your letter of July 25 and have to advise that five-cent pieces to the value of $3,682,961.95 were coined in 1913. This coin has no value beyond five cents. In any event, the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1925.

Mr. R. L. Martin,
Box 1603,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 27 please be advised that there is no law prohibiting the mutilation of gold coins. It is illegal, however, to reduce the weight of the coins of the United States with the intent to return them to circulation as currency.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1926.

The Conley Foil Company July 29, 1925.

511 West 25th Street, New York City

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Lead Foil (Conley Assay Metal) 1 3/8 x 2 1/2 50 lbs.

Each sheet to weigh 5 grams, interleaved with paper so as to prevent edges adhering; to be free from holes, silver, antimony, bismuth and tin.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1925.

Mr. O. A. Brown, Secretary,
American Trust Co. of Hannibal,
Hannibal, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 27 please be advised that application for the Stone Mountain half dollars should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1925.

Mr. Frank P. Chapman,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Confirming telephone conversation of this morning I take pleasure in submitting below the latest available information covering changes authorized in the coinage of Portugal:

The act of February 28, 1920, authorized the use of an alloy consisting of 96% copper and 4% zinc in the manufacture of bronze two and one centavo pieces.

The act of June 25, 1920, authorized the coinage of twenty and ten centavo pieces in nickel-bronze, (80% copper and 20% nickel).

The act of December 9, 1920, authorized the coinage of a bronze five centavo piece, weighing 8 grams.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1925.

Miss Mary Cummings,

Georgetown, Texas.

Madam:

The samples forwarded by you are very nice specimens of iron pyrites, a mineral containing iron and sulphur. If occurring in sufficient quantity they may be of some commercial value for the iron or sulphur content.

The Government does not pass upon the value of ore deposits for private interests. The enclosed card gives the location of the United States Assay Offices where analysis are made.

Your sample is returned under separate cover.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1925.

Mr. P. L. Stevenson,
Kirkwood, Delaware.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 29 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you seek.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1925.

Mr. D. F. Quinn,
c/o Thos. Cook and Sons,
253 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 30, please be advised that a revision of the publication entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" is in course of preparation, and I have taken pleasure in causing your name to be placed on the list to receive a copy of the new edition when published.

As of possible interest and assistance to you, I am enclosing a copy of the quarterly circular, "Value of Foreign Coins".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1925.

Mr. Frank F. Chapman,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Confirming telephone conversation of today, I take pleasure in submitting the following additional information relative to the coinage of Portugal:

The fineness of the silver escudo, fixed at .900 by the act of May 22, 1911, was reduced to .835, the same as for the other silver coins, by the act of June 30, 1914. However, silver escudos of .900 fineness were still coined in 1917 independently of the subsidiary silver coins of .835 fineness.

Last silver coinage struck in 1918:

50-centavo pieces to the amount of 362,920 escudos, .835 fine.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1925.

Mr. B. Charles McGuckin,
98 Sterling Ave.,
Sharon, Pa.

Sir:

Receipt is acknolwedged of your letter of July 29, enclosing fifty cents to cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint. Your request has been forwarded to the Superintenient of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1925.

Mr. Arthur J. Colgan, Cashier,
The First National Bank,
Bennington, Vt.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 30 please be advised that the Bennington coins, when ready, will be distributed by the Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Association, to which body application should be made for the coins.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1925.

Mr. Miles M. Shand,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to your request of July 31 I am enclosing a copy of our medal circular. The bronze medals of the Presidents can be obtained by addressing the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. These medals are 29 in number, and somewhat heavy, and should you consider purchasing the set at once I would suggest that you instruct the Superintendent to send them express collect.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1925.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
36 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 31 requesting a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, please be advised that the Report is primarily considered a fiscal year report to cover the year ending June 30. In this connection you are probably aware that the figures for the calendar year 1924 are included in the Report which is issued to cover the fiscal year 1925. Your name is on the list to receive a copy of this report when issued.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1925.

Night

Angelo J. Rossi,
Chairman Citizens Committee,
Phelan Building,
San Francisco, California.

Expect now to have ~~master~~ die ready to ship San Francisco Mint on eleventh Necessary that Philadelphia be paid three hundred dollars for master die before shipment

O'Reilly
Acting Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

August 3, 1925.

Mr. Manuel Clark,
Fayetteville, Tennessee.

Sir:

Your letter of July 14 addressed to the President, relative to samples of ore forwarded by you for assay to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, in April, 1924, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Under date of January 26, 1925, this office made a complete report to you covering the action taken by the Assayer in Charge of the Salt Lake City office. copy of which is enclosed.

I am returning herewith the assay report on your material. which you enclosed in your letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1925.

Mr. J. D. Antonio,
111 So. Washington Ave.,
Dunellen, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 30 please be advised that no Liberty Head nickels were coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1925.

Mr. Julius Hendel,
19 Bank Street,
New London, Conn.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the portion of a ten-cent pieces forwarded with your letter of July 30, and have to advise that a visual examination of the piece would indicate that it had been chipped from a genuine coin. The piece, of course, is worthless.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1925.

Mr. Dean R. Wood,
Oficios Street, No. 18,
Room 512,
Havana, Cuba.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 28 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not issue a list of coin dealers or collectors. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1925.

Credito Italiano,
63 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 31, please be advised that all available data covering the subject matter of your letter is contained in the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, copy of which you have.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1925.

Mr. W. J. Rahn, Cashier,
Liberty State Bank,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 1, please be advised that the coinage of one dollar gold pieces was discontinued in 1889, and there are none of these coins in the Mints or in the Treasury Department. I am unable to advise you where these coins may be obtained.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1925.

Inter-America,
407 West 117th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your publication addressed to Mr. Robert W. Wooley as Director of the Mint has been received at this Bureau. Mr. Wooley relinquished the post of Director of the Mint several years ago, and his present address is not known to this office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1925.

Atlas Stationery Corporation,
52 Duane Street,
New York City.

Sirs:

I am returning herewith your account dated July 31, in the amount of $4.26, and would suggest that you forward the same to the office making the purchase.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1925.

Acme Dental Laboratory,
Room 423, Fairburn Building,
Lowell, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 31 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia accepts gold dental scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Small deposits are not accepted. The material is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. No allowance is made for platinum.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1925.

Mr. R. P. Reese,
General Auditor,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 29th last in reply to ours of June 4th, which reads in part as follows:

> "Our Omaha Plant advises that the 1,608 ounces of silver reported as having come from Arkansas was received from the Miners Trust Company. This silver was contained in silver-lead concentrates from a prospective mine located at Redmont Spur, Arkansas, and was loaded at Camp Pike, Arkansas."

If you can let us have the address of the Miners Trust Company in order that further inquiry may be made concerning the source of the silver in question, such information will be much appreciated.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 4, 1925.

Mr. E. J. Miller,
Perry, Oklahoma.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Hon. M. C. Garber requesting that you be advised in regard to procuring $2.50 and $1.00 gold coins of the old style.

Application for $2.50 gold pieces should be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C. One dollar gold pieces have not been made since 1889, and it is understood coin dealers and collectors hold them at a premium. There are none of these coins in the Treasury and none in the Mints.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1925.

Mr. George W. Stimpson,
The Pathfinder Publishing Company,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 3 relative to the coinage of Liberty head nickels in 1913, please be advised that this Bureau is not in position to determine what is understood by your advertiser to be Liberty head nickels.

The only nickels authorized to be coined at the mints in 1913 were those of the current design, known as Buffalo nickels, having on one side the Indian head and on the other the Buffalo. This design took the place of the five-cent piece bearing the female head of Liberty on the obverse, the last of which were coined in 1912.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1925.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

There is enclosed original of contract entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, with The Public Service Company of Colorado, for the furnishing of light, power and gas service during the fiscal year 1926. The contract is forwarded to you for examination as to legal sufficiency in form and execution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1925.

Mr. Ed. Wolff,
133 East Avenue,
Rochester, New York.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the one-cent piece and two-cent stamp forwarded with your letter of August 3, requesting a one-cent piece of the coinage of 1922.

I would suggest that you make application to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, for this coin, as the only one-cent pieces struck in 1922 were coined at that mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1925.

Mrs. George R. Evans,
c/o Mr. A. Q. Brockenbough,
262 Piedmont Avenue,
Nyack on Hudson, N.Y.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 4 please be advised that the Major General Brown medal, in bronze, may be obtained from the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, at a cost of $1.50, plus postage. Application for the medal should be made to that officer.

I am enclosing a circular of information relating to United States coins and medals, on page 5 of which you will find the medal listed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1925.

Traffic Manager,
American Railway Express Co.,
46 Trinity Place,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Will you please forward, for use in this office, the latest Local and Joint Tariff containing express rate tables for blocks in which the following cities are located:

Boise, Idaho
Carson City, Nev.
Deadwood, S. Dak.
Denver, Colo.
Helena, Mont.
New Orleans, La.
New York, N. Y.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Salt Lake City, Utah.
San Francisco, Cal.
Seattle, Wash.
Washington, D. C.

Also kindly forward a copy of the latest edition of your Official Directory, with list of offices and their block location.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 6, 1925.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find your bill #H/6/7457, amount $1.18, with the information that charge of $0.64 on shipment covered by Government Bill of Lading #374925 is payable by the Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D. C. and should be billed to that office. An amended voucher should be submitted to this office for charges on shipment covered by Government Bill of Lading #676762.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 6, 1925.

Mr. W. B. Teachout,
Laurel Hill, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 3 please be advised that the Government does not purchase gold in the form of ore, and no platinum is purchased by the Government either in crude or refined form.

I would suggest that the Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., may be able to assist you.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1925.

Mr. J. H. Kennedy,
475 E. 42nd Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 30 please be advised that the Government of the United States cannot pay out coins of the Philippine Islands. I would suggest that you address the Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

Collect August 7, 1925.

Angelo J. Rossi,
Chairman Citizens Committee,
Phelan Building,
San Francisco, California.

Mint Philadelphia reports payment for dies not yet received from you Mint will be ready to forward dies on Monday if payment is made Cannot ship dies until payment received

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
COMMERCIAL RATES,
COLLECT.

August 7, 1925.

Night

Hon. R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint
United States Mint
San Francisco, California.

The Treasurer anxious for nickels and cents from San Francisco Mint All well here

M. M. O'Reilly

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

August 7, 1925.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Herewith your bill #16723, amount $7.96, covering freight charges on 14 fibre boxes lead and cord seals, Chicago, Ill. to Philadelphia, Pa., March 6, 1925, Government Bill of Lading #497439. Attention is invited to Cashier's Memorandum attached bearing stamp of Terminal Agent indicating charges on this shipment were paid April 3, 1925.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 7, 1925.

The Brown Instrument Company,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Under a recent ruling of the Government Accounting Officers all purchasers of either supplies or services for the Government are required to support bills, prior to payment, either with documentary evidence of the authority of the person acting for a corporation or company that he has authority to execute contracts for his principal, or a certificate by the purchaser that he has satisfied himself that such authority is possessed by the person so acting. If you will kindly forward a corporate certificate, under seal, naming the persons, with their official titles, who are authorized to execute contracts for your company, it will be filed for future reference and will enable me to make certificate which will permit payment of your voucher now in this office for $116.50. The quotation on which this voucher was based is signed by D. A. Hamilton, Service Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 7, 1925.

Mr. de Courcy Browne,
8 West 40th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of August 6, addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I would suggest that you call upon the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at 32 Wall Street, New York, for conference as to whether or hot it will be possible for him to have assays made for you. The Superintendent will be advised of this letter and we will forward your letter of the 6th to him.

There is no place in Washington where such assays are made for the public by the Government.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 8, 1925.

International Nickel Company,
67 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this Bureau not later than Wednesday August 12th of the rate at which you will deliver to the United States Mint building at San Francisco ten tons shot nickel, 99% fine nickel content, for coinage. Please be sure to include cost of delivery to the Mint building.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 8, 1925.

Mrs. W. E. Canders,
Rumford,
Maine.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any coins and there is nothing unusual about the 1915 5¢-pieces.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 8, 1925.

Miss Minnie Jastram,
225 Webster Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Lincoln one cent pieces were first coined in 1909. No Indian head one cent pieces were coined during that year.

As you are probably aware the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. We are not aware that coin dealers pay a premium for the 1913 nickel pieces as there is nothing unusual about them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 8, 1925.

Mr. L. V. Black,
Advance Machine Company,
4641 Ravenswood Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

No legislation has been enacted authorizing the issue of a new 5¢ piece and no legislation on this subject is pending. The 10¢ piece inclosed in your letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Inc.

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 8, 1925.

Mrs. Laura Melton,
2 S. Brunswick St.,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Madam:

The Government pays no premium on old coins and I am unable to advise you what coin dealers might give you for the coins you describe. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, 156th and Broadway, New York, N. Y. as a source of possible information as to the value of your coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 10, 1925.

The Statist,
51 Cannon Street,
London, E.C. 4, England.

Gentlemen:

Returned herewith please find voucher previously forwarded you for insertion of subscription rate and certification, covering issues of "The Statist" for the period June 13th to 30th, 1925. Attention is invited to the large proportionate rate for a fraction of one month on a continuing subscription, £ 0:8:8, while charge for an entire year is only £ 1:17:4. If it is found that error has been made please have inserted correct charges on new voucher enclosed herewith, certify to same, and upon its return it will be placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 10, 1925.

Mr. Sherry Fry,
Century Club,
7 West Forty-Third Street
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter, together with a photograph of the obverse and reverse designs for the Bennington coin, has been received.

Before taking the designs under consideration it will be necessary for this Bureau to have a statement from the Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Society covering your designation by the Society as the sculptor whose designs we are authorized to receive for consideration. Your courtesy in obtaining and forwarding this statement will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1925.

Mr. Frederick B. Kerr,
Clearfield, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 8 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the institutions of this Service which make assays of ore, and the rates at which this work is done.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1925.

Mr. J. E. Morton, Cashier,
Iowa Loan and Trust Company,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 7 please be advised that application for the Fort Vancouver half dollars should be made to the Fort Vancouver Centennial Corporation, Fort Vancouver, Washington.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1925.

Chief, Supply Division,
United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 9, requesting that certain samples of gold submitted by you be assayed to determing the platinum, palladium and gold content, there is enclosed the report of the Assayer of this Bureau covering these samples.

The scrap resulting from these assays is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1925.

The Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Following are the results of assays made upon dental gold samples submitted by the United States Veterans Bureau:

| | | Parts per thousand | | | | Carats |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Gold | Silver | Platinum | Palladium | Base | Gold |
| J. M. Ney Co. Lingual Bar | 664.8 | 65.2 | | | 270.0 | 15.955 |
| J.F. Jelenko Co. " " | 647.0 | 129.0 | | 2.5 | 221.5 | 15.528 |
| Williams " " | 597.2 | 273.8 | | | 129.0 | 14.333 |
| Thos. J. Dee " " | 663.9 | 97.6 | | | 238.5 | 15.934 |
| J.M. Ney Co. Casting Gold | 781.6 | 101.1 | 57.0 | | 60.3 | 18.758 |
| J.F. Jelenko Vigo Cast | 806.6 | 80.4 | 38.8 | | 74.2 | 19.358 |
| Thos. J. Dee Casting Gold | 712.2 | 64.5 | 27.4 | | 195.9 | 17.093 |
| J.F. Jelenko Platin-Cast | 886.7 | 76.0 | | 21.2 | 16.1 | 21.281 |
| Williams Casting Gold | 788.0 | 55.2 | 59.6 | | 97.2 | 18.912 |
| Williams Gold Plate | 999.8 | | | | | 23.995 |

The amount of each sample submitted was very small and was not sufficient for check assays. The silver was determined by difference.

The scrap is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Assayer, Bureau of the Mint.

August 12, 1925.

Mr. Felix J. Koch,
358 Ludlow Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the manuscript forwarded with your letter of August 9. Many of the processes described in the article have been changed completely, and in order to be accurate enough for publication the entire work would have to be rewritten. Furthermore, a very strick regulation exists which prohibits the mints from admitting visitors. I might further state that it is against the policy of the Department to encourage the publication of articles descriptive of coinage operations.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1925.

Rev. George Allen Beecher,
Hastings, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 8 relative to the identity of the particular Indian whose head appears on the buffalo nickel, please be advised that this office is without information that any particular Indian was used as a model for this design. The head is understood to be an idealized one.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1925.

Mr. Albert F. Demers,
The Troy Record,
Troy, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 7 relative to the provisions of the Stone Mountain coinage Act, the following is submitted:

The Act approved March 17, 1924, authorized the coinage of five million 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the commencement on June 18, 1923, of the work of carving on Stone Mountain, in the State of Georgia, a monument to the valor of the soldiers of the South, which was the inspiration of their sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters in the Spanish-American and World Wars, and in memory of Warren G. Harding, President of the United States of America, in whose administration the work was begun.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1925.

Mr. Henry F. Heiss,
c/o Chas. D. Barney & Co.,
15 Broad Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 10 please be advised that the Fifth National Bank, New York City, has charge of the distribution of the Huguenot-Walloon half dollars. Application should be made to that institution for the coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division.
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

There is enclosed for your files a contract entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, with the Public Service Company of Colorado, for furnishing of gas and electricity for lighting and fuel purposes during the current fiscal year. The contract has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1925.

Mr. P. Peir,
70 King Street,
Rockdale, N.S.W.,
Australia.

Sir:

Your letter of July 14 addressed to the United States Mint in San Francisco has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins which indicates the agents charged with their distribution. Special coins are not distributed by the Government. There is also enclosed a circular of information relating to United States coins and medals, which may be of service to you.

No coins have been authorized commemorating the Battle of Bunker Hill, or the Texas Centennial. Medals, and not coins, were struck in commemoration of the Norse-American Centennial.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1925.

Miss Cassie Canley,
130 East Fourth Street,
Erie, Pennsylvania.

Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 9 relative to a fifty-cent piece of the coinage of 1824. In that year fifty-cent pieces to the value of $1,752,477.00 were coined. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1925.

Mr. Geo. W. Drake,
3717 Main Street,
Lawrence Park,
Erie, Penna.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 10, enclosing a sketch, please be advised that this piece is not a coin of the United States, and was not struck by the United States Mint. Many of these pieces, known as "tokens", were issued by private parties during the period of the Civil War, and for some years prior thereto. They are believed to be of no value. However, the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, may be able to assist you in determining this point.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1925.

Mrs. M. B. Cobb, Librarian,
Georgia State Library,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 7, I take pleasure in enclosing a pamphlet of information relating to United States Coins and Medals, which may be of assistance to you in identifying the medal you describe. The American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, may be able to advise you in the matter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1925.

Mr. Wm. E. Green,
111 The Terrace,
Canastota, New York.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the three-cent silver piece forwarded with your letter of August 8, and have to advise that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. The piece would be redeemed by the Government at face value only. The coin having been considerably abraded, there is no means of determining its date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1925.

Marsh & McLennan, Inc.,
80 Maiden Lane,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please forward one pad of the inclosed Insurance Sheet Form No. USM to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., and two pads of the same form to the office of the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

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August 12, 1925.

The International Nickel Company,
67 Wall Street,
New York City.

Your offer ten tons nickel delivered Mint building San Francisco about September twenty first at thirty five one-half cents per pound accepted

O'Reilly
Acting Director Mint

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

August 12, 1925.

United States Nickel Company,
New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 10, quoting a price on 10 tons of nickel for delivery to the United States Mint, San Francisco. Your offer is respectfully declined, a lower price having been received.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1925.

American Nickel Corporation,
Clearfield, Penna.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 11, quoting a price on 10 tons of nickel for delivery to the United States Mint, San Francisco. Your offer is respectfully declined, a lower price having been received.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1925.

Mr. James Boyman,
North Windham,
Portland, Maine.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The enclosed card indicates the Assay Offices at which such assays are made.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1925.

Director,
Bureau of Supply,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of August 7th concerning a requisition for supplies for the U. S. Assay Office at New York, calling in part for the following items:

Daters, No. 1-1/2, twelve each,
"Clerotype" for cleaning typewriter type,
two bottles,

I have to request that these items be cancelled from the requisition.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 13, 1925.

Mr. C. H. Macomber,
Ardmore, S.D.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 10 please be advised that application for the Stone Mountain coins should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1925.

Mr. W. K. Vermillion.
241 Bluefield Ave.,
Bluefield, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the price of silver changes from day to day. The price of silver on August 11 was quoted in New York at $0.69875 per ounce.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1925.

Mr. Max Wolkow,
602 E. Douglas Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of package forwarded by you by express, said to contain 45 ounces of dental gold. As there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government, I have today forwarded your material to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and have requested the Superintendent of that institution to communicate with you regarding the same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1925.

Mr. H. A. Sylvester,
P.O. Box 52,
Joplin, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 10, I am enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins, which indicates the agents charged with their distribution.

A medal, and not a coin, was issued to commemorate the Norse-American Centennial, which may be obtained from the Norse-American Centennial Committee, New Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1925.

Mr. A. Auchley,
921 Haskell Ave.,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 10 please be advised that gold dollars to the amount of $19,874,427 have been coined in the mints of the United States. The coinage of gold dollars was discontinued in 1889.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1925.

Mr. S. F. Russell,
125 S. Spring St.,
Springfield, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 12 please be advised that your name has been placed on the list to receive a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925. This Report will not be off the press until late in November.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 14, 1925.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith your bill H/7/9099, amount $598.60, with the information that charges on shipments covered by Government Bills of Lading #486109, 397170, 432073 and 308609 should be billed to the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants, Washington, D. C. Charge of $57.98 on shipment of $2,000 in new cents, Philadelphia, Pa. to Jacksonville, Fla., June 24, 1925, per Government Bill of Lading #497474 is payable by this office and upon receipt of amended bill to cover it will be immediately passed for payment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 15, 1925.

American Nickel Company,
Clearfield, Pa.

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of August 14 I have to advise you that the International Nickel Company made a bid of 35½¢ per pound, on nickel, for delivery United States Mint, San Francisco, and we were, of course, required to award the contract to that company.

Trusting you will have better luck next time, I am,

Yours very truly,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your letter of July 21, 1925, file C-"W.M.G."-5, there is being forwarded herewith certificate of C. L. Longley, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Boise, Idaho, showing that he has satisfied himself that the officers who signed the following contract had authority to execute same:

Natatorium Company, Boise, Idaho.
July 1, 1924.
Hot water for heating system in
  Assay Office, Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 17, 1925.

Mr. S. Lederer,
Greenebaum Sons Investment Company,
La Salle & Madison Sts.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 10, relative to securing a display of general public interest, I would suggest that the set of Presidential medals, 29 in number, on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, might be considered by you. These medals, in bronze, are sold for $1.00 each, plus postage or express charges. Application for the medals should be made to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

It is unlawful to photograph or display photographs of coins, and a Department regulation prohibits the photographing of mint processes.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1925.

Illinois Glass Company,
Alton, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of August 13, stating that you desire to secure two ounces of chemically pure gold, I would suggest that you address the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1925.

Dr. Otto Holinger,
4632 N. Rockwell Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 14 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold, when presented in quantities approximating or exceeding $100.00 in value. Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1925.

Bradley & Scoville, Inc.,
67 Orange St.,
New Haven, Conn.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of August 14, I have to advise you that this office has no knowledge of any manufactured acid testing outfit.

The acid test for coins is made as follows, and with the following solutions:

For gold coins - Scratch the surface of the coin so as to expose a clean surface and remove any dirt or gold plate, and apply a drop of dilute nitric acid. If the coin is genuine the acid will have no action on it.

For silver coins - Scratch the coin and apply one drop of a dilute solution of silver nitrate. If a black stain results the coin is not genuine.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 18, 1925.

Allen's Press Clipping Bureau,
412 Central Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

Your clipping relative to preparations for the celebration of the Vancouver Centennial, and note attached thereto, have been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Special coins are turned over at face value by the mints to the agents authorized to receive them. These coins are usually sold at a premium to help defray the expense of celebrating the event for which the commemorative coins were authorized.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1925.

Mr. J. Kivineri,

Spion Keys, Montana.

Sir:

I am returning the sample submitted by you for assay, as the Government maintains no laboratory at Washington for the examination of such material.

You are referred to the enclosed card for information relative to Government assay offices and the analysis they make.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1925.

Mr. A. L. Crosby,
Box 37, R.R. No. 1,
National City, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 11 please be advised that 86,730,000 silver dollars of the old design were coined in 1921. Silver dollars of the current design to the number of 1,006,473 were also coined in that year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The contracts listed below, entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, covering service and supplies during the current fiscal year, are forwarded for your files. The contracts have been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Samuel Threadgill
The Denver Towel and Supply Co.
The Stearns-Roger Mfg. Co.
General Chemical Company

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

There is enclosed a contract entered into by the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York with the Franklin-Allen Window Cleaning Co., Inc., covering services to berrendered during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926. The contract has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1925.

J. Goebel & Co.,
67 Cortlandt St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Will you please quote to this Bureau the price delivered to the United States Mint, Carson City, Nevada, and f.o.b. Perth Amboy, on one silcar muffle, 6 x 12 x 4, for use in a coke furnace, also the cost of six supports and two pounds of luting, C-6.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1925.

J. Goebel & Co.,
67 Cortlandt St.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Under a recent ruling of the Government Accounting Officers all purchasers of either supplies or services for the Government are required to support bills, prior to payment, either with documentary evidence of the authority of the person acting for a corporation or company that he has authority to execute contracts for his principal, or a certificate by the purchaser that he has satisfied himself that such authority is possessed by the person so acting. If you will kindly forward a corporate certificate, under seal, naming the persons, with their official titles, who are authorized to execute contracts for your company, it will be filed for future reference and will enable me to make certificate which will permit payment of your voucher for $24.91. The quotation on which this voucher was based appears to be signed J. Goebel & Co.

The voucher mentioned is enclosed with request that the capacity in which H. Rheder signs for the company be inserted opposite his signature.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 19, 1925.

Mr. Hipolit Gilwic, Counselor of Legation,
Legation of Poland,
2640 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of today, I take pleasure in submitting the production of gold and silver in the countries indicated below for the calendar year 1924. With the exception of the United States, the values represented in this table are approximate only.

| Country | Value Gold | Value Silver |
|---|---|---|
| United States . . . . . . | $ 52,277,000 | $ 43,822,814 |
| Australasia . . . . . . . | 17,000,000 | 7,200,000 |
| Transvaal . . . . . . . . | 199,500,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Russia-Siberia . . . . . | x x | x x |
| Rhodesia . . . . . . . . | 13,000,000 | 100,000 |
| Mexico . . . . . . . . . | 16,400,000 | 60,300,000 |
| Canada . . . . . . . . . | 31,500,000 | 13,600,000 |
| British-India . . . . . . | 8,000,000 | 3,500,000 |

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1926.

Barber & Ross, Inc. August 18, 1925.

Eleventh and G Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

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M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mi

August 19, 1925.

Mr. Everett G. Rodebaugh,
The John C. Winston Co.,
Winston Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 18, please be advised that the monetary unit of Latvia is the Lat, valued in United States money at $0.193.

Czecho-Slovakia and Hungry have adopted no monetary system. The Austrian crown ($0.2026+ at par) is the basis of circulation.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1925.

Mr. J. W. Ward,

Bogata, Texas.

Sir:

I am returning the samples of rock submitted by you for assay as the Government maintains no laboratory in Washington for the examination of such material. Your attention is invited to the enclosed card for information relative to Government assay offices where ore assays are made.

A visual examination of the material would indicate that it contains nothing of value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 19, 1925.

Mr. J. C. Burch,
40 Oak Street,
Missoula, Montana.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay, and invite your attention to the enclosed card for information relative to Government Assay Offices where ore assays are made.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1925.

Mr. Freeland Nugent,
Trent, Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of August 9 addressed to Hon. Thomas L. Blanton has been forwarded by Congressman Blanton to this Department for attention.

I am returning the photograph and clipping enclosed with your letter, and would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, as a possible source of information covering the identity of the medal you describe.

Respectfully.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1925.

Mr. Vincent Harvey,
Coin and Bullion Department,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Harvey:

Confirming telephone communicate of this morning, I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins, which indicates the agents charged with their distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1925.

Mr. E. L. Hutchinson,
Assistant Chief, Division of Material,
United States Coast Guard,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith please find one copy of a form formerly in use by Mint Service disbursing officers to request advance of funds. The form has been discontinued and a simple letter request is now used. Upon receipt of such letter it is compared with our book record and if the amounts desired appear reasonable and necessary and are available, the prescribed requisition form is prepared in this office for the amounts requested. When conditions warrant the requested amounts are either decreased or increased when the formal requisition is prepared for submission to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1925.

Survey Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of July, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

| | Fine Ounces |
|---|---|
| Unrefined domestic gold . . . . . . . . . . . | 92,829.720 |
| Unrefined domestic silver . . . . . . . . . . | 52,153.74 |

Respectfully,

M. B. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1925.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts at the mints during the month of July, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

| | Fine Ounces |
|---|---|
| Domestic crude silver . . . . . . . . . . | 62,153.74 |
| Foreign " " . . . . . . . . . . . | 141,534.10 |
| Foreign silver coin. . . . . . . . . . . | 198.57 |

Respectfully,

M.M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find letter of the Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, Wash., concerning Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-28102-T, dated July 3, 1925, of his accounts for the period January 1 to March 31, 1925, giving information concerning suspensions on account of "Requirements of Sec. 3709 R.S. providing for advertising for purchases not complied with. The making of the purchase under 4-C does not justify the disregarding of this statute."

Will you kindly advise this office whether the vouchers in question carried no further explanation of the methods of purchase than the references 4 and C? We do not have copies of the particular vouchers in this office, but vouchers for April, May, and June, now in this office, give evidence of additional information being regularly furnished when those reference symbols are used. It is our understanding that advertising is not required where information indicates that no useful purpose would be served thereby.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 20, 1925.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reference is made to extract of your Account Current, sheet #25, for the period July 1 to 31, 1925, symbol 10005, covering transactions with Mint Service appropriations. It is noted that voucher of Leonard P. Morgan, $70.48, covering travel expenses during June, 1925, (voucher #6 on your Schedule of Expenditures from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Office Director of the Mint, 1926") has been paid from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office Director of the Mint, 1926. Since this voucher was a proper charge to the appropriation for the fiscal year 1925, as indicated thereon, it is requested that transfer be made crediting the appropriation for the fiscal year 1926 and charging the appropriation for the fiscal year 1925.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 20, 1925.

Hon. S. Nagai,
Director of the Imperial Mint,
Osaka, Japan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 12, 1925, I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a complete set of the current silver and minor coins of the United States; a copy of the coinage laws and regulations now in force, and answers to the questions contained in the schedule forwarded by you.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1925.

Mr. Edward A. Walsh,
37 East 42nd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date please be advised that $51,531.00 in quarter dollars were coined in 1806.

The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not pass upon questions of numismatics. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you desire.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1925.

Mr. C. H. Birdsall, President,
Standard-Johnson Company, Inc.,
371 Pacific Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 19, quoting prices on your models MM-5 and MM-6 coin counting machines. The prices on these machines quoted by your agent in San Francisco were lower than those submitted by you, and the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has been authorized to purchase the machines through your agent in that city.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 20, 1925.

Chief Clerk,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 18 I take pleasure in submitting an abstract of the official record of John J. McKenna:

Appointed temporary helper, United States Mint, Philadelphia, $3.00 per diem. Date of oath August 25, 1916.
Separated from service April 2, 1917.

At time of appointment legal resident of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, 2nd Congressional District.

Born in Sheffield, England, 1870.

Married. No relatives in service.

Respectfully.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1925.

Mrs. A. B. Walker,
2113 Pierce Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 17 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold when deposits are made in quantities approximating or exceeding $100.00 in value. Small deposits are not accepted. This material is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The mints are not in the market at this time for silver, and no purchases of silver are being made.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1925.

Mrs. Irene Myers,
6309 Carnegie,
St. Joseph, Mo.

Madam:

Your letter of August 16 addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Confederate note you describe is of no value, except as a curio.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1925.

Mr. M. Strayer,
Box 146, Station M,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 17 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold when presented in an amount sufficient to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Small deposits are not accepted. Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

The Government is not in the market for silver at this time.

Coins are minted on Government account only, and not struck for private parties.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1925.

Mr. Sherry Fry,
Century Club,
7 West Forty-Third Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Fry:

On August 10th this Bureau acknowledged your letter enclosing a photograph of proposed designs for the Bennington coin. A request was made that we be furnished with a statement from the Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Society indicating that you had been designated by the Society as the sculptor whose designs we were authorized to receive and consider. As no reply has been received it is feared that our letter of August 10th has not reached you. Will you please assist us by obtaining the instructions from the Society in order that we may proceed with the consideration of your designs.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1925.

Mr. H. D. Hammond,
Box 92,
Susquehanna, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of August 17 addressed to the United States Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Your suggestion as to combining gold and silver has been read with interest, but no change could be made in the alloy of a coin without an act of Congress.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1925.

Lager Jewelry Company,
217 N. State Street,
Litchfield, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of August 19 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold in quantities approximating or exceeding $100.00 in value, which is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine. Small deposits are not accepted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1925.

Mrs. H. E. Kusler,

Wishek, North Dakota.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 19 please be advised that the Department purposely refrains from issuing information descriptive of the methods employed in coinage operations.

The Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, which may prove of interest to you, may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at 50¢ a copy.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1925.

Mr. Dirk P. De Young,

Abenel, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 20 please be advised that the Department does not publish information covering the methods employed in the manufacture of coins. The photographing of coins is prohibited by law, and a department regulation forbids the photographing of mint machinery.

A copy of the last annual Report of the Director of the Mint has been forwarded to you under separate cover.

For information regarding the manufacture of paper money please address the Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1925.

F. J. Ross Co., Inc.,
119 West 40th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of August 21, I am enclosing a copy of Section 171 of the Penal Code covering the photographing of coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1925.

Mr. Henry J. White,
Appalachian Mountain Club Camp,
Three Mile Island, Lake Winnepesaukee,
R.F.D. No. 7, Lakeport, N.H.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 23, I am enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins, which indicates the agents charged with their distribution. Application for the coins should be made to the distributing agents concerned. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1925.

Mr. L. Barber,
British Legation,
3, Hjorthagsvagen,
Stockholm, Sweden.

Sir:

We have for acknowledgement your letter of recent date requesting gold coins of the value of $37.50. The coins can be sent to you from the United States Mint at Philadelphia upon receipt of the value of the same. This office would be glad to direct immediate shipment of them, but the Superintendent of the Mint is not allowed to carry a suspended account for coins paid out of the mint.

Will you permit a suggestion that the coins might be obtained through the British Embassy at this Capital and forwarded in their pouch. It would, of course, be necessary for you to decide whether you care to proceed in that manner or not. This would appear to simplify the procedure necessary to obtain the coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1925.

Mr. A. F. Beeler,
709 East 4th Street,
North Platte, Neb.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 20 please be advised that the design adopted in 1921 for the silver dollar is the current design for that denomination. Coin designs cannot be changed more often than once in twenty five years, except by act of Congress.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1925.

Mr. Frank Batka,
214 Broadway,
Bayonne, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 22 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and no coins have been called in.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1925.

Mr. G. S. Burbank,

Deweyville, Utah.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. A card is enclosed which indicates the assay offices at which such work is done.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1925.

Miss Alta B. Claflin, Librarian,
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 24 requesting that your library be placed on the list to receive copies of the report on the production of gold and silver.

The report referred to is issued annually, and I have taken pleasure in causing your name to be placed on the list to receive the report.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1925.

Mr. Geo. A. K. Sutton,
10 Ames Avenue,
Rutherford, N.J.

Sir:

Your letter of August 24 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, suggesting a new type of coin, has been referred to this office.

As you are aware no change could be made in the alloy or design of a coin without a special act of Congress.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1925.

Mrs. Mary Belle Jensen,
367 National Ave.,
National City, California.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 18 please be advised that in 1829 half dollars to the value of $1,856,078.00 were coined. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not pass upon the numismatic value of old coins. The American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, may be able to advise you the value placed on this coin by dealers and collectors.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1925.

Hon. N. J. Sinnott,
The Dalles, Oregon.

Dear Congressman Sinnott:

Replying to your letter of August 18 please be advised that a special act of Congress is necessary to authorize the issue of special coins.

Complying with your request, I take pleasure in enclosing copies of the Acts authorizing the issue of coins commemorating the Stone Mountain Memorial and the Fort Vancouver Centennial.

Respectfully yours,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1925.

Mr. William C. Redfield,
165 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 24, please be advised that the gold and silver production of the world as covered by the work of this Bureau is contained in the Report of the Director of the Mint, a copy of which has been sent to you under separate cover. I would suggest that a file of these reports is accessible at any public library in New York.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1925.

Mr. Frank R. Zebley,
1302 King Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 24 please be advised that the following denominations of coins have been struck at the mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver, during the current calendar year:

Philadelphia - Double Eagles, Standard Silver Dollars, Half Dollars (special coins), Quarter Dollars, Dimes, Five-Cent pieces, and One-cent pieces.

San Francisco - Double Eagles and One-Cent pieces, Standard Silver Dollars, Half Dollars (special coins), Five-cent pieces.

Denver - Double Eagles, Quarter Eagles, Five-cent pieces, and One-cent pieces.

One-cent pieces were coined at the Denver mint in 1922.

Grant memorial fifty-cent pieces were struck at the Philadelphia mint in 1922, and in 1924 Huguenot-Walloon fifty-cent pieces were struck at the same mint. In 1923 Monroe Doctrine fifty-cent pieces were struck at the mint in San Francisco.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1925.

Mr. W. B. Smith,
Assistant Chief Coordinator,
217 Arlington Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Director of the Mint who left Washington for the Western offices about the middle of July has not yet returned to Washington. He is expected in the early part of September. While he was in Carson City, Nevada, he took up the matter of the transfer of the vaults to the Warden of the U.S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, and upon his return to his desk his attention will be called to your memorandum of August 25.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1925.

Mr. Frank J. Colman,
R.F.D. No. 36,
Middleport, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 24 please be advised that it is not possible to determine from your description the identity of the medal in your possession. If you care to forward a pencil rubbing we may be able to assist you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1925.

Dr. John G. Ohsol,
c/o Amtorg Trading Corporation,
165 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

In accordance with your request of August 25 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924. Your name has been placed on the list to receive a copy of the report for the fiscal year 1925, which will be issued in November.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1925.

The Quartermaster General of the Army,
Surplus Property Division,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia has advised this Bureau that the Quartermaster's Department, 21st and Oregon Avenue, Philadelphia, has on hand certain duck which could be used by the Philadelphia Mint in the manufacture of coin bags.

I am enclosing a copy of the Superintendent's letter, and will ask you to kindly advise this office if the material may be declared surplus and transferred to the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1925.

Mr. Neil Carothers,
Head, College of Business Administration,
Lehigh University,
Bethlehem, Pa.

Sir:

Reply to your letter of August 17 has been delayed awaiting the result of a search of the records of this Bureau for data answering your inquiries.

I regret to advise you that we have been unable to find a copy of the bill which you state was drawn up by Director Pollock in 1862, calling for a reduction in the weight of the silver coins. We have also been unable to find any documents which throw light upon the transactions involving the exchange of silver bullion for coin during the period of the Civil War and the eight years immediately following.

Our files disclose nothing which supplements the information contained in the Reports of the Director of the Mint, and it is believed that you have access to files of these reports in your institution.

I regret that we have not been able to be of assistance to you in this matter.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1925.

Mr. John Spargo, President,
Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Association,
Bennington, Vermont.

Sir:

On August 10 this office received from Mr. Sherry Fry the following letter:

> "Under separate cover I am sending photos of model of coin for Vermont. The Committee demanded the design and I made it as they insisted."

This letter was accompanied by photographs showing obverse and reverse of proposed designs for the Bennington coin. On August 10 the following letter was sent to Mr. Fry:

> "Your letter, together with a photograph of the obverse and reverse designs for the Bennington coin, has been received.
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> Before taking the designs under consideration it will be necessary for this Bureau to have a statement from the Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Association covering your designation by the Society as the sculptor whose designs we are authorized to receive for consideration. Your courtesy in obtaining and forwarding this statement will be appreciated."

Not having received a reply to this letter, another letter was addressed to Mr. Fry under date of August 21:

> "On August 10th this Bureau acknowledged your letter enclosing a photograph of proposed designs for the Bennington coin. A request was made that we be furnished with a statement from the Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Association indicating that you had been designated by the Society as the sculptor whose designs we were authorized to receive and consider. As no reply has been received it is feared that our letter of August 10th has not reached you. Will you please assist us by obtaining the instructions from the Society in order that we may proceed with the consideration of your design."

As no reply has been received from Mr. Fry to date, we are not able to pass upon the designs in the absence of authority from you that Mr. Fry has been designated by you to submit the sketches. It is presumed that Mr. Fry is out of town and our letters have not reached him, and we are appealing to you for information in regard to the matter, particularly for the reason that the Fine Arts Commission will meet in Washington early in September. If it is your wish that Mr. Fry's designs should be considered it would be very expedient for this Bureau to be in position to submit them at that time to the Fine Arts Commission.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 27, 1925.

Hon. Joseph L. Hooper,
307 Ward Building,
Battle Creek, Michigan.

Dear Congressman Hooper:

Replying to your letter of August 25 please be advised that the one-cent piece bearing the Indian head on the obverse was first issued in 1859.

For a description of the coins of the United States I would refer you to the Catalogue of Coins Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection, which may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at $1.00 a copy.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1925.

Mr. H. G. Yancey, Cashier,
The Grapevine Home Bank,
Grapevine, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 24 I have to submit the following:

The trade dollar was authorized by the act of February 12, 1873, and was intended for circulation in oriental countries as a substitute for the Mexican dollar, and by the terms of the act made legal tender in the United States in sums not exceeding $5.00. The legal tender quality was withdrawn by joint resolution approved July 22, 1876. The act of February 19, 1887 provided for the retirement of the trade dollars and their recoinage into standard silver dollars or subsidiary silver. For six months after the passage of the act they could be exchanged at the Treasury, dollar for dollar, for standard silver dollars or subsidiary coins. Since the expiration of the period of redemption trade dollars have been purchased as bullion when presented to the mints.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1925.

Mr. R. G. Patterson,
730 Reservoir Ave.,
Norfolk, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 25 please be advised that the gold coin you describe was undoubtedly issued by private interests, and is not a coin of the United States. Prior to the establishment of the United States Mint at San Francisco in 1852, coins of this description, manufactured by commercial houses, circulated freely as money.

The American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, may be able to assist you in determining the numismatic value of the piece.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1925.

Miss Margaret C. Wells, Librarian,
American International Corporation,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 27, requesting a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925. Your name has been placed on our mailing list to receive a copy of this report which will be issued in November.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1925.

Miss Sarah Schantz,
709 East Street,
Tarentum, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 25 please be advised that application for the Stone Mountain coins should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Grant Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1925.

Miss Esther Enyart,

Bolivar, Missouri.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August, I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for information covering the identity of the coins or medals in your possession.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1925.

Mr. W. B. Benson,

Sampson City, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 23 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. Dimes to the value of $142,650 were coined in the year 1851.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1925.

Miss Marie Genongels,
1254 N. Springfield Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 26 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not pass upon the numismatic value of old coins. The American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, may be able to assist you in this matter.

In 1832 half dollars to the value of $2,398,500.00 were coined. In 1853 quarter dollars to the value of $4,146,555.00 were coined, and in 1847 one-cent pieces to the value of $61,836.69 were coined.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1925.

Mr. W. U. Ambrose, Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Your letter of August 21 addressed to Mr. W. S. Broughton has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

There is enclosed a copy of the act approved April 23, 1918, under the provisions of which the mints are now coining silver dollars. The mints melted 270,232,722 silver dollars under the terms of this act, and the coinage of silver dollars is limited to the restoration of that number.

The coinage of $2.50 gold pieces has not been discontinued, though this denomination has not been coined in recent years. The United States Mint at Denver has coined this denomination during the current calendar year, but the coins are to be held at the mint for distribution to meet the holiday demands.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1925.

Mr. W. Dowling,
45 E 43rd Street,
Irvington, N.J.

Sir:

I am returning the jewelry scrap forwarded by you and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by theGovernment.

The United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold jewelry scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value, which is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Small deposits are not accepted.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1925.

Mr. Prescott Keyes, Chairman,
Nineteenth of April Committee,
Concord, Massachusetts.

Sir:

The Mint at Philadelphia is carrying $6,000 in Lexington-Concord half dollars. Will you please let us know whether or not you are likely to call for these coins; if not we will have them melted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1925.

Mr. H. N. Randolph, President,
Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association,
Grant Building,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

The Mint at Philadelphia is carrying $6,242.00 in Stone Mountain half dollars. Will you please advise this Bureau how soon you expect to take these coins for distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1925.

Mr. Jessie Smith,
Havelock, N.C.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the specimens of rock forwarded by you, as the Government maintains no laboratory in Washington to pass upon such material.

A visual examination would indicate that the specimens are ordinary granite and quartz, and are of no metallurgical value, as they do not contain any of the precious or other metals.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of August 7, please be advised that Mr. Chalres W. Polhamus, Foreman of the Sweep Cellar, United States Assay Office, New York City, has field a bond with another company as surety, which bond was approved by the Secretary's office on August 27, 1925. This bond is understood to supercede your company's bond dated August 1, 1921.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1925.

U.S. Smelting, Refining and Mining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive, up to 2 p.m., Thursday, September 3, tenders on delivery of 500,000 ounces of fine silver to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and you are invited to submit proposal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1925.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive, up to 2 p.m., Thursday, September 3, tenders on delivery of 500,000 ounces of fine silver to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and you are invited to submit proposal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1925.

Phelps Dodge Corporation,
99 John St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive, up to 2 p.m., Thursday, September 3, tenders on delivery of 500,000 ounces of fine silver to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and you are invited to submit proposal

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1925.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive, up to 2 p.m., Thursday, September 3, tenders on delivery of 500,000 ounces of fine silver to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and you are invited to submit proposal.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1925.

Guggenheim Brothers,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive, up to 2 p.m., Thursday, September 3, tenders on delivery of 500,000 ounces of fine silver to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and you are invited to submit proposal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1925.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive, up to 2 p.m., Thursday, September 3, tenders on delivery of 500,000 ounces of fine silver to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and you are invited to submit porposal.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1925.

American Metal Company,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive, up to 2 p.m., Thursday, September 3, tenders on delivery of 500,000 ounces of fine silver to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and you are invited to submit proposal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1925.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Enclosed is contract entered into by the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York, with the New York Telephone Company covering the use of one private telephone line during the fiscal year 1926. This contract is forwarded to you for examination as to legal sufficiency in form and execution.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1925.

Mr. John Spargo, President,
Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Association,
Bennington, Vermont.

Dear Mr. Spargo:

Under the authority given in your letter of August 28 the photographs of Mr. Fry's designs for the Bennington coin will be forwarded to the Fine Arts Commission for consideration as to the artistic merits of the proposed design.

If the designs are approved by the Commission they will then be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for his final approval, and I shall be glad to let you know when the Secretary's approval is given.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 1, 1925.

Gentlemen:

In considering the invitation to bid on the delivery of 500,000 ounces of silver to the Mint at Philadelphia, which bids are to be opened in this office of Thursday, September 3, at 2 p. m., please be advised that final delivery within two weeks will be satisfactory.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

American Smelting & Refining Co.
120 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

September 2, 1925.

Collect

A. W. Millhauser Corporation,
25 Broadway,
New York City.

Bids on silver invited to cover delivery five hundred thousand ounces to Mint Philadelphia final delivery within two weeks

R. J. Grant
Director Mint

September 2, 1925.

Mr. Frank C. Rogers, Vice President,
First National Bank,
Spartanburg, S.C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded with your letter of August 26 and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government. The United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Small deposits are not accepted.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1925.

Mr. John Pirhalla, Jr.,
311 South Fourth Street,
Duquesne, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 31 please be advised that no Liberty Head nickels were struck in 1913. The Liberty Head design was discontinued in 1912, and the coins struck in 1913 were all Buffalo nickels.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1925.

Mr. Gordon C. Galloway,
Fall Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 27 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. This material is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. No allowance is made for platinum contained in these deposits, as the Government does not purchase platinum.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 2, 1925.

Miss Jennie McCoy,

Yellow Pine, Idaho.

Madam:

The deposit forwarded with your letter of August 22 is returned herewith. Gold deposits are accepted at the United States Mint at Philadelphia when they approximate or exceed $100 in value. Small deposits are not accepted. Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1925.

Miss L. Evelyn Roberson,
3 Wellington Street,
Boston, Mass.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the gold leaf forwarded with your letter of August 29. Gold deposits are accepted by the United States Mint at Philadelphia when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $10000 in value. Small deposits are not accepted. The gold leaf forwarded by you represents an insignificant value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1925.

Mr. Richard J. Wendt,
2437 Homer Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 28 please be advised that the act approved March 3, 1925, authorized the coinage of 200,000 $2.50 gold pieces and 1,000,000 half dollars to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The designs for these coins have not yet been submitted, and it will be several months before the coins are struck.

For information regarding special stamps to be issued in commemoration of this anniversary, I would suggest that you write to the Post Office Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1925.

Mr. Fred Sternberg,
334 Stockton Street,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 25 relative to the distribution of the Jubilee half dollar coins.

Special coins are authorized by act of Congress, and are turned over at face value to agents usually designated by such acts to receive them. It is customary that special coins be sold at a premium to help defray the cost of celebrating the event which brought about their issue.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of August 7 please be advised that the Secretary's office under date of August 27, 1925, approved the bond of Cornelius T. Finehout, and employee of the United States Assay Office, New York City. It is understood that this bond supercedes the bond of your company on behalf of Mr. Finehout dated August 1, 1921.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1925.

Mr. Fred R. Fairchild,
Professor of Political Economy,
Yale University,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 31, please be advised that the annual Report of the Director of the Mint contains a table of coinage which it is believed will give you the information you seek relative to the amount of outstanding minor coins. No doubt you have access to a file of these reports at your university.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1925.

Mr. Herbert T. Wade, Editor,
The New International Encyclopaedia,
10 East 43rd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 31 I take pleasure in enclosing a table covering the production of gold and silver in the United States for the calendar year 1924. Estimates covering world production will not be available for several weeks.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1925.

Miss Mildred Paulen Fitzmorris,
Box 6,
Fall River, Kansas.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 29 please be advised that the records of this office disclose that no $20.00 gold pieces were struck in 1849. Ten dollar gold pieces to the value of $6,775,180 were struck in 1849.

The Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins, and does not pass upon the numismatic value of old coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1925.

Miss Alice Calhoun,
2 West 67th Street,
New York City.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 31 please be advised that one-cent pieces were struck at the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, in 1922. You may be able to secure a specimen of these coins by addressing the Superintendent of that institution, though coins are not segregated by years at the mints.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
SR

September 2, 1925.

Mr. R. Downes, Jr.,
The Ouachita National Bank of Monroe,
Monroe, Louisiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 28 please be advised that the $20.00 gold piece of current design is the work of Mr. Augustus Saint Gaudens. The design was adopted in 1907. About 12,250 specimens were issued bearing the date 1907 in roman numerals. Coins are not segregated in the mints or in the Treasury Department by years, and I am unable to advise you where these particular specimens might be obtained.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 1, 1925.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Your offer two hundred fifty thousand ounces fine silver delivery Philadelphia seventy one five eighths cents per ounce accepted.

R. J. Grant
Director Mint

R.J.G.

O.K.

Stat. No. 10 of Bureau, 1925.

September 3, 1926.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York City.

Your offer fifty thousand ounces fine silver delivery Philadelphia seventy two and three quarter cents per ounce accepted

R. J. Grant
Director Mint

R.J.G.

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

September 5, 1925.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York City.

Your offer fifty thousand ounces fine silver delivery Philadelphia seventy two and three quarter cents per ounce accepted.

R. J. Grant
Director Mint

Cont. Ex, Mint Bureau, 1926.

September 3, 1925.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen;

I appreciate your courtesy in offering 200,000 ounces of fine silver at $0.72 7/8 per ounce, to be delivered within two weeks to the United States Mint, Philadelphia. However, a lower offer having been received I am obliged to decline your tender.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1925.

United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co., Inc.,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 100,000 ounces of fine silver for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $0.725 per ounce, is declined for the reason that October delivery would not be satisfactory. However, we wish to thank you for your courtesy in making this tender.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1925.

American Metal Company,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I appreciate your courtesy in offering 300,000 fine ounces of silver at $0.72875 per ounce, for delivery within two weeks to the United States Mint, Philadelphia. However, a lower offer having been received I am obliged to decline your tender.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1925.

Mr. W. K. Petes,
Princeton, W. Va.

Sir:

I am returning the specimens of ore forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such assays are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the assays offices of the United States where such work is done.

A visual examination of the material would indicate that it is pyrites, and of no value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1925.

Mr. H. E. Beebe, Vice President,
Bank of Ipswich,
Ipswich, S. Dak.

Sir;

Replying to your letter of August 31 please be advised that the Treasury Department does not issue a publication illustrating the medals listed in the circular of information covering coins and medals of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

September 5, 1925.

Mr. William Richardson,
1920 Kutztown Road,
Reading, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the one-cent piece dated 1846, and have to advise that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins and does not pass upon the numismatic value of old coins. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1925.

Mr. John C. Ealy,
Box 493,
Clovis, New Mexico.

Sir:

Replying to that portion of your letter of July 31 with reference to the disposition of gold dust or bullion, please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold in the form of bullion, which is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The Government does not purchase gold in the form of ore or dust. A deposit to be acceptable at the mint must approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1925.

Mr. R. A. Croft,
122 Sylvan Terrace,
Harrisburg, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that one-cent pieces to the value of $71,600 were coined at the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, in 1922.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1925.

Mr. Gaff Britton,
Newberne, W. Va.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The enclosed card indicates the assay offices of the United States where assays of ore are made.

A visual examination of the material would indicate that it is of no value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1925.

Mr. D. A. Lyon, Acting Director,
Bureau of Mines,
Department of Commerce.

Dear Mr. Lyon:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of July 9, relative to the cooperation of the Bureau of Mines and the Bureau of the Mint in the preparation of statistics covering gold and silver production. This Bureau has no objection to your practice of printing the phrase, "In Cooperation with the Bureau of the Mint" on your inquiry forms.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1925.

Mr. E. A. Doran,
242 So. Los Angeles Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 28 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins indicating the agents charged with the distribution of the several pieces.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1925.

Day Letter - Collect

Hon. O. J. Kvale,
Blair, Wisconsin.

Assuming you have in mind medal three inches in diameter new dies and special impliments for collar would be required to cost not less than four hundred dollars and take at least six weeks time

R. J. Grant
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

September 8, 1925.

Mr. Sherry Fry,
Century Club,
7 West Forty-Third Street,
New York City.

Sir:

The photograph of the design submitted by you for the Bennington coin was submitted to the Fine Arts Commission, and this office is today in receipt of a letter, copy of which is enclosed for your information.

A copy of the letter from the Fine Arts Commission has also been forwarded to Mr. Spargo and this Bureau will await your further action and that of Mr. Spargo in the matter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1925.

Mr. John Spargo, President,
Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Association,
Bennington, Vermont.

Sir:

The photograph of the design for the Bennington coin was submitted to the Fine Arts Commission, and this office is today in receipt of a letter, copy of which is enclosed for your information.

A copy of the letter from the Fine Arts Commission is also being forwarded to Mr. Fry, and this Bureau will await your further action and that of Mr. Fry in the matter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1925.

Mrs. Jane Gavere, Secretary,
The University of North Dakota,
Grand Folks, North Dakota.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 3, I have taken pleasure in causing your name to be placed on our list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report of the Director of the Mint, which is issued annualy as of the close of the fiscal year, June 30. Your name has also been placed on the list to receive copies of the quarterly publication, "Value of Foreign Coins".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1925.

Mr. Edward B. Howell,
Butte, Montana.

Sir:

Your letter of September 4 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, suggesting the issue of a combined gold and silver coin, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

As you are aware, an act of Congress would be required to authorize the use of an alloy other than those contained in our present coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1925.

Mr. E. Walsh,
Editor "Answers",
The Sun,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 5 please be advised that the motto "E Pluribus Unum" was first used on the coins in 1795, when the reverse type of the half eagle presented the main features of the Great Seal, on the scroll of which the motto belongs.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1925.

Mrs. M. M. Krafft,
230 South Florence Ave.,
Springfield, Missouri.

Madam:

Your letter of September 3 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Treasury Department pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not pass upon the numismatic value of old coins. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you seek.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1925.

Mr. James H. Harrington,
7830 S. Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 4 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins which indicates the agents charged with the distribution of the special pieces.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1925.

Mr. G. Moe, Librarian,
Bankers Trust Company,
16 Wall Street,
New York City.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of September 5 with reference to a late edition of the pamphlet "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World". The 1916 edition of this publication is the latest printed. A revised edition is now in course of preparation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

GA

September 9, 1925.

Mr. Prescott Keys, Chairman,
Nineteenth of April Committee,
Concord, Massachusetts.

Sir:

No answer appears to have been received to our letter of August 28, in which we inquired as to the prospect of having the $6,000 in Lexington-Concord half dollars called for. The Bureau would be obliged if you would forward a copy of your reply in case it has been lost.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 9, 1925.

Mr. Richard J. Wendt,
2437 Homer Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 5, relative to the distribution of the coins to commemorate the one hundredth and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, please be advised that these coins, when ready, will be turned over to the Sesquicentennial Exhibition Association, which organization will have charge of their distribution. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins. Inasmuch as the designs for these coins have not been submitted to the Treasury Department, this office is not in position to say when the coins will be available for distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 9, 1925.

Mr. Gilbert T. Cowin,
181 Bartlett Street,
Rochester, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 8 please be advised that the act of Congress approved February 24, 1925, authorized the coinage of 300,000 fifty-cent pieces to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver. To date approximately 50,000 of these coins have been struck. Application for the coins should be made to the Fort Vancouver Centennial Committee, Vancouver, Washington.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

GR

September 9, 1925.

Mr. Ismael Aviles,
Consul General of Ecuador,
New Orleans Bank Building,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has referred to this office your letter of September 3, asking for information regarding mint equipment.

It would be wholly impracticable to undertake to describe mint equipment by letter. We have no catalogues, and we have no printed descriptions of mint processes as at present practiced. Only a small number of the machines used in the mint are made in our mint machine shop. The others are purchased on competitive bids in the open market.

I would suggest that you arrange to have your representative visit the mint at Philadelphia and witness the operations and obtain from the officers of that institution information relative to the possibility of procuring the required equipment. The extent of the equipment would, of course, depend upon the size of the mint you hope to establish and the capacity output you have in mind for such institution.

Should you decide to have a man sent to the mint to make this investigation and obtain the information you need in this manner, we will take pleasure in authorizing the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to place every facility at the disposal of your representative upon receipt of a request from the duly accredited representative of your Government at this Capital through the State Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 9, 1925.

The Bates Manufacturing Co.,
Orange, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your statement of September 1, which should be rendered to the institution making the purchase, as this office is not able to identify the item.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

EP

September 10, 1925.

Mr. C. D. Ritch, Assistant Secretary,
Manufacturers Trust Company,
131 East 23rd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 9 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins, which indicates the agents charged with their distribution.

Respectfully.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1925.

Mr. Harry Shane,
R. R. No. 1,
c/o Mr. Thomas McKinley,
Williamsport, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of September 7 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office for attention.

This Bureau is not in position to give you information as to whether there is any value in the mineral you describe, but I would suggest that you send a sample, about half a pound, to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota. They will make a test on this ore for you provided you sent them $1.00 for a gold assay, and $1.00 for a silver assay. In that way you can find out whether or not you have any value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1925.

Mr. Jesse D. Romaine,
P. O. Box 814,
East Lansing, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 8 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins, which indicates the agents charged with their distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 11, 1925.

Mr. Domenico Latella,
1023 Fifth Avenue,
New Kensington, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 9 please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins, and does not pass upon the value of old coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

GR

September 11, 1925.

Mr. E. Titus Black,
Scio, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 4 please be advised that the records of this office do not show the number of proof half dollars struck during the years 1879 to 1890 inclusive. The following table shows the number of silver coins sold, without respect to denomination, during those years. The table covers fiscal years:

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1879 | 518 | 1886 | 3358 |
| 1880 | 1608 | 1887 | No record |
| 1881 | 1065 | 1888 | No record |
| 1882 | 1112 | 1889 | No record |
| 1883 | 1048 | 1890 | 564 |
| 1884 | 925 | | |
| 1885 | 3057 | | |

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1925.

Office of the Commissioner,
Bureau of Pensions,
Department of the Interior.

Gentlemen:

Will you please forward to this Bureau, for transmission to the field institutions of the Mint Service, seven additional copies each of your circular letter of August 25, decision of the Comptroller General of the United States dated July 29, 1925, and letter of the Assistant Secretary of the Interior dated August 20, 1925, with reference to Section 6 of the Act of May 22, 1920 (41 Stat. 617).

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1925.

Mr. Frank R. Zebley,
1302 King Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Sir:

Your letter of September 11 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting that you be given an order on the Denver Mint for two quarter eagles of the coinage of 1925, please be advised that the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver is not authorized to pay out coins except on the order of the Treasurer of the United States. Application for these coins should be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1925.

Mr. C. M. Howard, Cashier,
First National Bank,
Sheridan, Oregon.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the piece of metal forwarded with your letter of September 5, and have to advise that a visual examination indicates that it contains little or no value. In any event, the mints are not purchasing silver at this time, paying only for that silver contained in gold deposits.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1925.

Mr. C. S. Pulver,
Scott Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:

Your letter of September 4 addressed to the Bureau of Mines, requesting information regarding the use of silver, has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention. I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint to be forwarded to you which contains data covering the use of precious metals in the arts and in industry.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1925.

Hon. Niles R. Becker,
Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Becker:

In order to complete the records of the Department, will you please advise the Bureau the number of your Congressional District.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

FR

September 14, 1925.

Mr. Charles Moore, Chairman,
The Commission of Fine Arts,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

On September 8 a copy of your letter of September 5, relative to the photograph of the model submitted by Mr. Sherry Fry of the coin to commemorate the Battle of Bennington and the Independence of Vermont, was forwarded to Mr. Spargo, President of the Vermont State Sesqui-Centennial Commission. I am enclosing a copy of the reply received from Mr. Spargo this morning.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

September 14, 1925.

Mr. John Spargo, President,
Vermont State Sesqui-Centennial Commission,
Bennington, Vermont.

Sir:

Your letter of September 11, in reference to the letter of the Fine Arts Commission of September 5, relative to the design submitted by Mr. Sherry Fry for the coin to commemorate the Battle of Bennington and the Independence of Vermont, has been received. I am today sending a copy of your letter, without comment, to the Fine Arts Commission.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

O.R

September 14, 1925.

Mr. Benjamin Lingas,

Kingsport, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 11, please be advised that the Government is not in the market for silver at the present time. The price of silver varies from day to day. The latest quotation placed this metal at 72-1/8 cents per ounce, for pure silver. I am unable to advise you of the market price of sulphide.

The enclosed card indicates the Assay Offices of the United States where assays of ore are made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 14, 1925.

Mr. John G. Hughes,
W.O.W. Hospital,
San Antonio, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the melting of gold or silver coins is not prohibited by law. It is unlawful to mutilate coins or reduce them in weight with the intention to restore them to circulation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 14, 1925.

Mr. Geo. C. Wisler,
714 Gratiot Avenue,
Alma, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 11 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins, which indicates the agents charged with their distribution, to whom application should be made. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 15, 1925.

Hon. Charles D. Walcott, Secretary,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

There are forwarded herewith for inclusion in the numismatic collection in your institution, two Diamond Jubilee half dollars and two Fort Vancouver half dollars.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 15, 1925.

Captain A. W. Stanley, Q.M.C.,
Office of the Quartermaster General,
War Department.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 1 (QM 423 GC), please advise this Bureau if you are now in position to advise us as to whether or not the material desired by the Philadelphia Mint for coin bags can be released to that institution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Asting Director of the Mint.

September 15, 1925.

Mr. Prescott Keyes, President,
Concord National Bank,
Concord, Massachusetts.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of September 11 relative to $6,000 in Lexington-Concord half dollars now at the Mint in Philadelphia.

The coins, of course, will be held subject to your order. It may be of interest to you to know that frequent inquiries are received at this Bureau for these coins, and it would therefore seem apparent that the demand for them has not wholly been satisfied.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 15, 1925.

Survey Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of August, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Unrefined domestic gold . . . . . . | 87,490.460 |
| " " silver . . . . . | 66,705.29 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 15, 1925.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts at the mints during the month of August, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

| | Fine Ounces |
|---|---|
| Domestic crude silver | 66,705.29 |
| Foreign Crude silver | 70,207.97 |
| Foreign silver coin | 439.62 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1925.

Mr. O. E. Baker, P.M.,
Brookline, Missouri.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the material forwarded by you, and as there is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the Government I have today sent the same to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia with the request that he communicate with you directly regarding it.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1925.

The Solicitor of the Treasury,
Interior Department Building,
(Through Division of Appointments),
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The following contracts, with accompanying bonds, entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, covering supplies for the current fiscal year, are forwarded to you for examination as to legal sufficiency in form and execution:

Paul S. Reeves & Co.
Sellersville Foundry & Machine Co.
Edward Connor
O. F. Zurn Co.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1925.

Mr. G. P. Mills,
3151 San Fernando Road,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 9, relative to the number of silver dollars coined at the various mints, and also the number of one-cent pieces, I have to submit the following:

Silver Dollars - 1924

| | |
|---|---|
| Philadelphia . . . . | $11,811,000 |
| San Francisco. . . . | 1,728,000 |
| Denver . . . . . . . . | none |

One-Cent Pieces - 1924

| | |
|---|---|
| Philadelphia . . . . | $ 751,780 |
| San Francisco. . . . | 116,960 |
| Denver . . . . . . . . | 25,200 |

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1925.

Mr. J. M. Compton,
14 West 75th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 15 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which contains a table of coins executed at the mints from 1793 to date of current report.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1925.

Mrs. Thomas Rourke,
675 Brainard Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 14 please be advised that no coins of the United States have been called in, and the Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1925.

Hon. O. J. Kvale,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Kvale:

Replying to your letter of September 16 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you today the publication "Value of Foreign Coins" for the periods, January 1, April 1, and July 1, 1925.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1925.

Hon. Frederick N. Zihlman,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 16 requesting a copy of the latest report of the Director of the Mint.

I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924 to be forwarded to you today, and have placed your name on the list to receive a copy of the Report covering the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925, which will be issued some time in November.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1925.

Miss Mae Bush,
1206 Iowa Street,
Dubuque, Iowa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 14 please be advised that the ten-cent paper note you describe would be redeemed by the Government at its face value. The Government does not pay a premium for any issues of coin or currency.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1925.

Mr. James Roselle,
R. D. No. 1,
Hammonton, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 14 please be advised that there is no instrument known to science which will locate mineral deposits.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 18, 1925.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find your bill H/8/10644, amount $2.65, with the information that charge of $0.58 on shipment covered by Government Bill of Lading #497498 is payable by the Bureau of Supply, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. and should be billed to that office. An amended voucher should be submitted to this office for charges on shipments covered by Government Bills of Lading #497483 and #488815.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

September 18, 1925.

Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation,
15 Broad Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

United States Mint, Philadelphia, (Immediate delivery)

At Mint Bureau, Washington,
Tuesday, Sept. 22,
1925 at 2 p.m.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

500,000 ounces fine silver

September 18, 1925.

Mr. Henry Pier,
R.R. No. 1, Box 40,
Dunbar, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 12, addressed to the Postmaster General, please be advised that the five-cent piece is composed of 75% copper and 25% nickel.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 18, 1925.

Mr. J. R. Houston,
1005 Central National Bank Building,
Peoria, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 16 please be advised that the 1916 edition of the publication entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" is the last published, a copy of which is enclosed.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

September 18, 1925.

Merchants Bank & Trust Company,
Dupont Circle Branch,
Washington, D.C.

Attention Mr. Vernon.

Gentlemen:

In accordanse with telephone communication and agreement of this Bureau, you are advised that this office has today invited bids on 500,000 ounces of fine silver for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, which bids are to be opened at this Bureau at 2 p.m., Tuesday, September 22, 1925.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 18, 1925.

Mr. Harlan B. Dunn,
42 Jefferson Street,
Dansville, New York.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the one-cent piece forwarded by you and have to advise that the records of this Department indicate that no one-cent pieces were struck in 1815. The particular type of coin enclosed was adopted in 1840, and an examination of the date on this coin indicates that it has been altered.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1925.

Mr. L. Barber,
c/o British Legation,
Stockholm, Sweden.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your money order for $38.00 to cover the cost of forwarding to you the gold coins of the United States you requested. I have taken pleasure in requesting the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia to send the coins to you by registered mail.

Respectfully,

Mary M O'Reilly

Mary M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1925.

Frost Brothers,
Central Lake, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The enclosed card indicates the assay offices of the United States where such assays are made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1925.

Mr. Harry J. Rapp,
1515 Woodward Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 16, relative to your order for a set of the Presidential medals.

Delivery of the medals has been delayed for the reason that orders for medals are excessively heavy, but your order will be filled in turn and as promptly as possible. It is now hoped the medals will reach you within a short time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1925.

Mr. Walter W. Zopp,
62 Iglehart Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 15 please be advised that the Act approved February 24, 1925 authorized the coinage of 300,000 half dollars to commemorate the founding of Fort Vancouver. To date 50,000 of these pieces have been coined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1925.

Mr. Neil E. Gordon,
Department of Chemistry,
University of Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 17 please be advised that the weight of $1,000 in United States gold coin is 53.75 troy ounces, equivalent to 3.68 pounds avoirdupois. The gold in a $5.00 gold piece weighs 116.10 grains.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 21, 1925.

Kracht & Murphy,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

This Bureau will receive bid on immediate delivery five hundred thousand ounces fine silver to Mint Philadelphia to be opened two oclock Tuesday September twenty second

R. J. Grant
Director Mint

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

September 21, 1925.

Western Union Telegraph Company,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Kindly be advised that this office is today passing for payment Public Voucher for Telegrams supported by W. U. Bill No. 1847 in amount $12.76. Attention is invited to the fact that Night-letter, Washington - Helena dated July 28, 1925, (Sub-voucher #345) was charged at Day-letter rate ($0.74); correct charge at Night-letter rate is $0.36. The difference of $0.38 has been deducted from your voucher, and same approved for $12.38.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 21, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

There is forwarded herewith for your files contract entered into by the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York, with the National District Telegraph Company, covering the operation of a marmal night watch and fire alarm system during the current fiscal year. The Contract has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1925.

Mr. R. F. Hull, Manager,
Hoosier Country Club,
West Baden, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 16, I am enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins which indicates the agents charged with their distribution.

The Panama-Pacific coins were distributed by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company of San Francisco, California. I am unable to advise you where you might obtain a specimen of these coins today.

The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1925.

Mrs. A. Stanton,
General Delivery,
San Francisco, California.

Madam:

I am returning under separate the material forwarded by you, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government. I would suggest that you take the material to the United States Mint in San Francisco for examination.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1925.

Mr. Lace Miller,

Chattaroy, West Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning the material forwarded by you and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. Should this material contain any gold value it would be too small a deposit to be acceptable to the Mints.

The enclosed card indicates the assay offices of the United States where assays of ores are made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1925.

American Metal Company,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Your offer five hundred thousand ounces fine silver delivered to Mint Philadelphia seventy one decimal eighty six cents per ounce accepted

Grant
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

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September 22, 1925.

American Smelting Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York. N.Y.
Nichols Copper Company.
25 Broad Street, New York, N.Y.
Handy & Harman
52 Cedar Street, New York. N. Y.
United Metals Selling Co.
25 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

A lower offer having been received your offer of silver for Mint Philadelphia respectfully declined.

GRANT
Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1926.

September 22, 1925.

Mr. C. E. Snodgrass,
1110 James Building,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 20 please be advised that no Liberty head nickels were issued in 1913. The Buffalo nickel of the current design was adopted in 1913 and were the only type of five-cent piece struck in that year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1925.

Mr. W. de C. Ravenal,
Administrative Assistant
to the Secretary,
Smithsonian Institution.

Dear Mr. de Ravenel:

I have your letter sent by messenger in regard to paying the expenses of Mr. Belote to New York to inspect a collection of coins offered to the Museum. I should like to cooperate with you in augmenting the numismatic collection, but I fear we would have difficulty in auditing an account for expenses in connection with the inspection of a collection offered to the Museum and no part of the Mint collection.

With personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1925.

Mr. Charles H. Ward,
Room 501 Ayers Bank Building,
Jacksonville, Illinois.

Sir:

The Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals, issued in 1914, a copy of which you have, is the only edition of this work. There is not likely to be a similar volume as the collection which it represents is now lent to the National Museum at Washington. This Catalogue was compiled at the Mint in Philadelphia by the former curator who has since died.

For information regarding the paper money I would suggest that you address the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1925.

Mr. Pete Noonan,
1314 13th Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Under separate cover I am returning the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The enclosed card indicates the assay offices of the United States where ore assays are made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1925.

Mr. Ben F. Finney,
P.O. Box 104,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the assay offices of the United States where ore assays are made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 24, 1925.

The Joseph Dixon Crucible Company,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find copy of report just received from the United States Mint at Denver on two of your crucibles.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 24, 1925.

Mr. H. Merkt,
844 Holmes Ave.,
Memphis, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 21 please be advised that the piece you describe is not a coin of the United States. These pieces were issued in great numbers during the period of the Civil War by private parties, and are known as "token" pieces. They are not known to be of any value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 24, 1925.

The American Metal Company, Limited,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This Office is in receipt of your invoice covering shipment of 249,760 ounces of silver delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia. The invoice has been sent to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia from this Bureau. May I suggest that your office be instructed to send the account directly to the Mint and not to this Bureau. This arrangement will expedite the settlement of the account.

Respectfully,

R. G. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1925.

Government of India
Central Publication Branch,
8 Hastings Street,
Calcutta, India.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of the publication entitled "Finance & Revenue Accounts of the Government of India, for the Year, 1923-4," which was forwarded by you to this Bureau through the International Exchange Service of the Smithsonian Institution. Your courtesy is very much appreciated, and the volume will be included in the library of this Bureau and referred to with much interest and profit.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1925.

De Soto Stamp & Coin Co.,
25 W. Washington Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 22 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins which indicates the agents from whom the coins may be procured.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1925.

Mr. John Van Eastenbrige,
Box 101,
Eldred, New York.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The enclosed card indicates the assay offices of the United States where such assays are made. A visual examination of the particles enclosed would indicate that they are of no value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1925.

Mr. G. W. Oller,
Route 1, Box 36,
Ready, Butler Co., Kentucky.

Sir:

The material forwarded by you for assay is returned under separate cover. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The enclosed card indicates the assay offices of the United States where such work is done.

A visual examination of the material would indicate that it is sulphide of iron.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1925.

Mr. Chester T. Burr,
P. O. Box 571,
Brookline, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 25 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins, which indicates the agents charged with their distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

September 26, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Transportation Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter dated August 27, 1925, Tn-KWK Cl. 347010, I have to advise that on different occasions ticket agents have refused to furnish Pullman accomodations beyond principal divisional points such as Chicago and St. Louis, to travelers representing this office, enroute either west or east. In view of this inability to at times obtain through transportation accomodations and of the necessity of protecting the Government against loss by delay of travelers incident thereto, and of the fact that the charge for lower berth Washington to Chicago is $8.25 and Chicago to Denver $10.88, total $19.13, it is considered that charges to the Government on that basis are properly allowable in this instance, as heretofore recommended.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 26, 1925.

Mr. Frank R. Waters,
R.F.D. No. 2,
Walworth, Wisconsin.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the assay offices of the United States where ore assays are made.

A visual examination of the material indicates that it is copper.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 28, 1925.

Mr. Guy Curtis,

Woodside, Utah.

Sir:

I am returnig under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government by the public. The card enclosed indicates the assay offices of the United States where ore assays are made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 28, 1925.

Mr. C. A. Price,
424 North Main Street,
Wichita, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 24 please be advised that your name has been placed on the list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925. The Report will be available for distribution some time in November.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 28, 1925.

Miss Elizabeth Hull, Librarian,
The Coffeyville Public Library,
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 26 please be advised that the Buffalo design was adopted for the five-cent piece in 1913 when these pieces were first struck.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 28, 1925.

Mr. Leon Sittenfeld,
801 Westover Road,
Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 25 please be advised that new coins are not placed in circulation while circulated coins of the same denomination remain on hand. Application for coins should be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 28, 1925.

Miss Gladys Hopper,
Clarence, Mo.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 24 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not publish a list of coin dealers or collectors.

In 1913 five-cent pieces to the value of $3,682,961.95 were coined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 28, 1925.

Mr. John Mullen,
Box 922,
Calexico, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 23 relative to medals issued to soldiers serving in the Spanish-American and World wars, please be advised that your application should be addressed to the War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 29, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 15 relative to a new bond issued by your company, dated September 3, 1925, covering Dominick A. Briglio, an employee of the United States Assay Office, New York, please be advised that this bond was approved by the office of the Secretary of the Treasury under date of September 25, 1925.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 29, 1925.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher, in amount $4,631.00, payable from the "Special Fund-Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold". It is requested that the proceeds of the check in payment be deposited in the Treasury by C. D. to the credit of the appropriation "Salaries and Wages Mint at Denver, 1926", as reimbursement on account of refining of silver bullion purchased under the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918.

Will you kindly indicate on the accompanying duplicate letter the C. D. number and date and return to this office for our information.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 30, 1925.

Mr. Chris Kassendick,
Versailles, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 28 please be advised that the Assay Offices of the United States listed on the card enclosed assay ores for certain metals at the charges indicated. I would suggest that you forward your material to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, S.D.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1925.

Mr. Richard J. Wendt,
2437 Homer St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 28 please be advised that application for the Lexington-Concord half dollars should be made to the Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass., or to the Lexington Trust Co., Lexington, Mass.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1925.

This Bureau will receive, up to 2 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 1925, tenders on delivery of 500,000 ounces of fine silver to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and you are invited to submit proposal. Please state approximate date of delivery you will be able to make.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Handy & Harman, 59 Cedar Street, N.Y.
Nichols Copper Company, 25 Broad Street, N.Y.
United Metals Selling Company, 25 Broadway, N.Y.
American Metal Company, 61 Broadway, N.Y.
American Smelting & Refining Co., 120 Broadway, N.Y.
U. S. Smelting Refining & Mining Co., 120 Broadway, N.Y.
Kracht & Murphy, 120 Broadway, N.Y.
Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation, 15 Broad Street, N.Y.
A. W. Millhauser Corporation, 25 Broadway, N.Y.

October 1, 1925.

Mr. William Bock, Jr.,
844 First Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 29, please be advised that appointments to positions in the United States Mints are governed by Civil Service examinations. I would suggest that you communicate with the District Secretary of the Civil Service Commission in Wisconsin for information regarding examinations.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1925.

Mr. H. B. Garner,
Assistant Purchasing Agent,
The Coca-Cola Company,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 29 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, sells gold only in the form of bullion, and in quantities of not less than $5,000.

This office is not in position to furnish you a list of manufacturers to whom the Government sells gold.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1925.

Mr. William C. Redfield,
165 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 30 please be advised that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1925 will not be ready for distribution until late in November. Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of this report when issued.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is contract entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, with the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co., covering service for the current fiscal year. The contract has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and is forwarded to you for your files.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1925.

The Fairbanks Company,
724 East Pratt Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 30, please be advised that no purchases of supplies are made in Washington for the field institutions of the mint service. I would suggest that you address the Superintendents of the United States Mint at Philadelphia and the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

There are enclosed herewith for your files contracts entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, with the American Ice Co., and the Pilgrim Laundry Company, covering services and supplies to be furnished to the Philadelphia Mint during the current fiscal year.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1925.

Hon. Willis C. Hawley,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Hawley:

Your letter of September 25 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the issue of Stone Mountain commemorative half dollars, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Act of March 17, 1924 authorized the coinage of not more than five million fifty-cent pieces to commemorate the commencement of work on the Stone Mountain memorial. Over a million of these pieces have been struck and turned over to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia. It is understood that these coins have been placed in the Federal Reserve Banks for distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1925.

Merchants Bank & Trust Company,
Dupont Circle Branch,
Washington, D.C.

Attention Mr. Vernon.

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that this Bureau has invited bids on 500,000 ounces of fine silver for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, which bids are to be opened at this office at 2 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 1925.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Collect

October 2, 1925.

Kracht and Murphy,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Impracticable to accept arrangement you suggest in wire today

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director Mint

October 2, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find Deposit Certificate #12,603 which it is requested be filed with the bullion account of Isaac A. Smith, Superintendent United States Assay Office, New York, N. Y., for the period April to June, 1925, inclusive.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 2, 1925.

Mr. R. C. Brinkerhoff,
Riverside, California.

Sir:

Your letter of September 26 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the sale of commemorative coins, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Acts of Congress authorizing the issue of special coins usually designate the agents to whom such coins are to be delivered. The coins are turned over to the agents designated at face value. It is customary to sell the coins to the public at a premium to help defray the expenses of celebrating the event which brought about the issue of the coins. For information regarding the distribution and sale of the coins I would suggest that you write to the California Diamond Jubilee Committee, St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1925.

Frank J. Winne & Son, Inc.,
42 North Front Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

There is returned herewith your voucher received at this office with the suggestion that it be sent to the institution making the purchase.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Collect October 2, 1925.

Kracht & Murphy,
120 Broadway
New York City

Tender of silver from you will be considered with others If your offer accepted payment by check on Treasurer United States upon delivery silver

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director Mint.

October 2, 1925.

Mr. Richard Li,
1448 N. Broadway,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Your letter of September 29 has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I am enclosing a circular of information relating to United States coins and medals which may be of assistance to you. The gold and silver coins of the United States contain 900 parts pure metal to 100 parts copper alloy. The five-cent piece contains 75 per cent copper and 25 per cent nickel. The one-cent piece contains 95 per cent copper and 5 per cent tin and zinc. The price of silver changes from day to day. The quotation for October 1 was $0.71-1/8 per ounce.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1925.

Mr. Donald L. Willis,
1570 E. 19th St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 1st please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not publish a list of coin dealers or collectors. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you seek.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1925.

Hon. O. J. Kvale,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Kvale:

Referring to our conversation of this morning in regard to the Norse medals, the cost of making dies for a three-inch medal will be $300.00. The cost of striking 50 bronze medals, at $3.50 each, would be $175.00.

Respectfully yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1925.

Mr. R. F. Hall, Manager,
Hoosier Country Club,
West Baden, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 3 please be advised that the list enclosed covers all commemorative coins issued since 1914. The coin commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Bennington has not yet been issued.

I regret to advise you that this office is not in position to secure for you one of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition coins. There are none of these coins on hand in the mints, and I am unable to suggest where a specimen might be obtained. Special coins are turned over to the agents authorized to receive and make payment for the same, and the mints are without authority to distribute them to the public.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1925.

Mr. Joseph T. Fisher,
Insurance Department, State House,
Springfield, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of October 2 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Under separate cover I have forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which contains a table of coinage covering the period of operations of the mints. I am also forwarding a circular of information relating of coins and medals of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1925.

Miss Josie Burt,

West Lima, Wisconsin.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 1, I have forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint, which contains a table of coinage covering the period of operations of the mints.

The so-called "Peace" dollar is not a special coin, as the design adopted in 1921 will contimue to be used until a new design is authorized by law for the silver dollar.

The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1925.

Mr. Chas. N. Hammond,
R. R. No. 2,
Woodson, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 27 please be advised that the medal you describe is one of the series of Presidential medals. It was customary to present these medals to friendly Indian tribes, and were known as Indian Peace medals. The medals, in bronze, are sold by the United States Mint at Philadelphia for $1.00 each.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1925.

Chief, Section of Agricultural Statistics,
for Chief of Central Bureau of Statistics,
Weltevreden, Java.

Sir:

Responding to your request of August 18, 1925, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you, through the International Exchange Service, a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, which contains a report upon the production of precious metals in the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1925.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York City.

Your offer one hundred thousand ounces fine silver delivered to mint Philadelphia seventy one one two five cents per ounce accepted.

R. J. Grant
Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

October 6, 1925.

The Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation,
37 Wall Street,
New York City.

Your offer one hundred thousand ounces fine silver delivered to Mint Philadelphia seventy one eleven cents per ounce accepted

R. J. Grant
Director Mint

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

October 6, 1925.

American Metal Company,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Your offer two hundred thousand ounces fine silver delivered to Mint Philadelphia seventy one eleven cents per ounce accepted

R. J. Grant
Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

October 6, 1925.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Of your offer three hundred thousand ounces fine silver one hundred thousand ounces accepted for delivery to Mint Philadelphia at seventy one one two five cents per ounce

R. J. Grant
Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

October 6, 1925.

Hon. C. G. Abbot, Asst. Secretary,
International Exchange Service,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for transmission, through the International Exchange Service, to the Chief, Section of Agricultural Statistics for Chief of Bureau of Statistics, Weltevreden, Java.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 6, 1925.

Hon. Charles Moore, Chairman,
The Commission of Fine Arts,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Moore:

Replying to your letter of October 5, 1925, I take pleasure in submitting the number of pieces minted of each of the following commemorative coins. This office has no means of knowing the number of pieces that have been sold.

| Commemorative Coins | Pieces Minted |
|---|---|
| Stone Mountain . . . . . . . . . | 2,314,709 |
| Norse-American (medal) . . . . | 49,850 |
| Huguenot-Walloon . . . . . . . . | 142,080 |
| Lexington-Concord. . . . . . . . | 162,099 |
| Fort Vancouver . . . . . . . . . | 50,028 |
| California Diamond Jubilee . . | 150,200 |

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1925.

Mr. John Lonke,
223 Harrison Avenue,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Sir;

Your letter of October 2, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

There is enclosed a pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the Wrold", on page 6 of which an explanation of the reason for the adoption of 23.22 grains as the fine weight of the gold dollar will be found.

The Department has not under consideration the adoption of a new standard; as you are aware an act of Congress would be required to bring about such a change.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1925.

Dr. Irving J. Fisher,
79 Chestnut Street,
West Newton, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of October 2, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I regret to advise you that the mints and assay offices of the United States have been closed to visitors for several years by Departmental order, and this office is without authority to waive the regulation. The coin, collection, however, has been transferred from the Philadelphia Mint to the National Museum in Washington where it is on display.

The publication, Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals, is on sale for $1.00 a copy at the Government Printing Office, and application for the book should be made to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1925.

Mr. Rogers L. Burnett,
12 North Seventh Street,
Stroudsburg, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 6, the following is submitted:

Indian head one cent pieces were first coined in 1859. This design was discontinued in 1909, when the present type of one cent piece was adopted. The one-cent piece of Indian head design was coined in consecutive years during the period of its coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

October 7, 1925.

Mr. C. W. Wertz,
R. R. No. 12,
Dayton, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the assay offices of the United States where assays of ores are made, and the charges for the work.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1925.

Dr. Samuel Komwiser,
214 Hawthorne Avenue,
Newark, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 6 please be advised that the Presidential medals, 29 in number, are on sale at the United Statez Mint, Philadelphia. The medals, in bronze, are sold for $1.00 each, postage or express charges to be paid by the purchaser. Application should be made to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 7, 1925.

Federal Reserve Bank,
Atlanta, Ga.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find Government Bill of Lading No. T 497512 covering shipment of $5,000 in cents from the United States Mint at Philadelphia to the Federal Reserve Bank, Atlanta, Ga., August 15, 1925. Your attention is invited to the fact that the weight of the shipment as received by you has not been stated in the consignee's certificate of delivery. Kindly fill in the correct weight on this form so that voucher and bill of lading may be passed for payment. Your kind cooperation in complying with the General Accounting Office regulations in this respect will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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OR

October 7, 1925.

Mr. Emory Ferguson,
305 So. 12th Street,
Cambridge. Ohio.

Sir;

Replying to your letter of October 2, I am enclosing a pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", which contains an explanation for the adoption of the gold standard.

At the present market price of silver the bullion value of the silver dollar is approximately 54 cents. The mints have coined silver dollars during the present calendar year, and each year since 1921.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 8, 1925.

ALL MINT SERVICE INSTITUTIONS:

Sir:

The Secretary's Office has called to the attention of the Bureau the necessity of conforming to the printed form of contract in order to incorporate the provisions required by law to be in all Government contracts. It is therefore requested that the printed form be used, or the provisions copied therefrom, when entering into contracts for supplies or services for your institution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 8, 1925.

Mr. H. R. Motter, Asst. Cashier,
Farmers Trust & Savings Bank,
Otto, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 3 please be advised that application for the Grant memorial coins should be made to the U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. I am unable to advise you where you might obtain a specimen of the McKinley gold dollar.

Commemorative coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department. These coins are turned over to the agents authorized to accept and make payment for the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 8, 1925.

Mrs. Ida L. West,
237 Second Street,
Cuthbert, Georgia.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 5 please be advised that the Government does not purchase silver in small quantities.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 8, 1925.

Mr. F. C. Molkey,
Myrtle Creek, Oregon.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The Assay Offices of the United States, listed on the card enclosed, do not assay ores for antimony.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of September 23, please be advised Michael Long, an employee of the United States Assay Office, New York, has executed a bond with another surety company, which bond was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of August 27, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of September 23, please be advised that Frederick S. Fletcher, an employee of the United States Assay Office, New York, has executed a bond with another surety company, which bond was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of September 28, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1925.

Mrs. S. W. Fulton,
Kingstree, S.C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 6 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. It is understood, however, that coin dealers and collectors do not pay a premium for the Columbian half dollar, as there are many of these coins in circulation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1925.

Mr. F. E. Stroup, Manager,
Industrial Mortgage & Investment Co.,
507 Building and Loan Building,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 6 please be advised that the Act of June 13, 1906, Chapter 3289, Statutes at large, 260, known as the Hallmark or Jewelers' Liability Act, controls the marking of jewelry entering into interstate commerce.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1925.

Miss Elizabeth Lyon,
518 Park Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 6, I have to submit the following:

The gold and silver coins of the United States are composed of 900 parts pure metal and 100 parts copper alloy. The five-cent piece contains 75 per cent copper and 25% nickel. The one-cent piece is composed of 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc.

Gold has a fixed price of $20.67- per ounce. Silver is quoted at approximately 71 cents per ounce. Copper about 14 cents per pound; tin about 57 cents per pound, and zinc about 8 cents per pound. It is understood, of course, that the price of silver, copper, tin and zinc varies from day to day.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1925.

Lane-Rincon Mines, Inc.,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 8 I take pleasure in enclosing a statement showing the average monthly New York price of fine bar silver, per ounce, for the years 1915 to 1922.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1925.

Mr. Harry H. Stewart,
Assayer in Charge,
U.S. Assay Office,
Deadwood, S. D.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Replying to your letter of October 6 please be advised that the six weeks leave of absence requested is approved, it being understood that thirty days of this time will be charged to your annual leave and the balance of the time will be without pay.

Mr. Crawford's signature cards are on file in the Treasurer's office, and it is understood that he will sign checks as Acting Assayer in Charge in your absence.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 9, 1925.

The Central Railroad Company of New Jersey,
Accounting Department,
Jersey City, N. J.

Sirs:

Re.M.W. Vo. 120871 /25

Your letter of the 7th instant relative to freight transportation bill, numbered above, received. The records of this office indicate that this bill was settled by the General Accounting Office, August 31, 1925, settlement No. 61394-T, in the total amount of $194.89. Notice of settlement will probably reach you in the near future.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 9, 1925.

Mr. W. S. Charles,
Corvallis, Oregon.
General Delivery.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 4 please be advised that in 1804 19,570 silver dollars were issued. In 1805 321 silver dollars were coined, which were the last struck until 1836.

The silver dollar of 1804 is described as follows:

Draped bust of Liberty to right, with long hair, two side locks drawn back and tied with ribbon; around, thirteen stars, grouped seven to left and six to right of Liberty; below, 1804. Beading around the borders. Reverse. United States of America. An eagle displayed, with shield of the U.S. on breast, thirteen arrows in right claw and olive branch in left; in beak, a scroll inscribed E Pluribus Unum; above the head, thirteen stars beneath an arch of clouds.

Respectfully.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1925.

Mr. A. E. Weltz,
2003A North Broadway,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 7th please be advised that there is no instrument known to science which will locate mineral deposits.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1925.

Mr. Henry S. Haskins,
17 Broad Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 3 relative to the dimensions, weight and thickness, expressed in avoirdupois and inches of the circular pieces, gold, value $50.00, issued in 1915 for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, I have to submit the following:

These pieces were struck in both round and octagonal shapes with reeded edges and weigh 1290 grains troy, the equivalent of 2.948571 ounces avoirdupois, and containing 1161 grains troy, or 2.41875 ounces avoirdupois of fine gold. The diameter of the round piece is one and eleven sixteenths inches. and the width of the octagonal piece is one and nineteen thirty seconds inches.

The American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, may be able to assist you in securing illustrations of the coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1925.

The Director of the Mint,
Paris, France.

Sir:

In response to your letter of September 10 I have taken pleasure in directing the Superintendents of the United States Mints at Philadelphia and Denver to prepare plans of the respective departments of their institutions, together with information indicating the location of the different pieces of equipment and machinery. As soon as this data is received from the Superintendents I will take pleasure in causing it to be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1925.

Mr. J. R. Hammerle,
691 7th Avenue,
Williamsport, Pa.

Sir:

At the request of Hon. Edgar R. Kiess, M.C., I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint to be forwarded to you under separate cover.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1925.

Mrs. Geo. S. Chase,
97 N. Brookline St.,
Boston, Mass.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 7th please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins. It is understood, however, that coin dealers and collectors do not pay a premium on the Columbian half dollars, as there are many of these coins in circulation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1925.

Mrs. E. R. Levicy,
1815 4th Ave., North,
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Madam;

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the assay offices of the United States where such work is undertaken.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1925.

Lee L. Ottaway, Esq.,
Wellman Building,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 10, enclosing $2.00, and 20¢ in postage, to cover certain medals desired by you. Your letter has been referred to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, who will communicate with you directly regarding the same.

The Huguenot-Walloon half dollars may be obtained from the Fifth National Bank, New York City, and the MOnroe Centennial half dollars from the MOnroe Centennial Committee, Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1925.

Mr. Charles J. Bullock,
Chairman and Director,
Harvard Economic Service,
Harvard University.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 10, please be advised that the report upon the production of the precious metals is now in the hands of the printer. The report will be available for distribution within a short time, when I shall take pleasure in causing an advance copy to be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1925.

Merchants Bank & Trust Company,
Dupont Circle Branch,
Washington, D.C.

Attention Mr. Vernon.

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that this Bureau has today invited bids on 500,000 ounces of fine silver for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, which bids are to be opened at this office at 2 p.m., Thursday, October 15, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1925.

Mr. J. R. Wilson,
Director of Education and Social Economy,
Sesquicentennial International Exposition,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In response to a request received from the Secretary's office I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover the following publications issued by this Bureau:

Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.
Information Relating to Coins and Medals.
Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World.
Values of Foreign Coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1925.

Mr. John C. Moore,
64 Bridge Street,
Lambertville, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 10, please be advised that if you will write to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, and forward to him the face value of the coin, plus the postage, he will send you a silver dollar of this year's coinage. I would suggest that you send him a copy of this letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1925.

Mr. William H. Atwell,
Grand Exalted Ruler,
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks,
Dallas, Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of October 9th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

An act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of a special coin such as you have under consideration.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1925.

Mr. C. W. Bell,
436 E. North St.,
Stockton, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 7 please be advised that the Act of Congress approved March 17, 1924 authorized the issue of special half dollars to commemorate the commencement of work on the Stone Mountain memorial at Atlanta, Georgia. Approximately 2,000,000 of these coins have been issued. They may be obtained from the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Grant Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1925.

Giuseppe Napolini Romano,
c/o Italian Consulate,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such assays are made. A visual examination of the material indicates that it is brass.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1925.

Mr. J. J. Pretts,
Box 152,
Flatrock, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 10 the following is submitted:

In October, 1652, the Colonial Government authorized the issue of shillings for circulation in the Colonies. The coins were authorized to be made in Massachusetts and were known as the Massachusetts shilling. Many of the other Colonies subsequently issued shillings. I am unable to advise you of the value of the shilling.

As a matter of special interest, I might suggest that you obtain a copy of the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals," for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy. I regret that we have no copies for distribution.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

There are forwarded herewith for your files the following contracts entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, for supplies to be furnished his institution during the current fiscal year. These contracts have been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and are accompanied by bond:

Paul S. Reeves & Co.
Edward Connor
O. F. Zurn Co.
Sellersville Foundry & Machine Co.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1925.

Mr. George M. DeVoe,
107 Millet Street,
Dorchester, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 9 I am enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins which indicates the agents charged with their distribution. Application for the coins should be made to the agents named.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1925.

Mr. C. L. Nickels,
219 Dunseith St.,
Oakland, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 11, I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1925.

The American Railway Express Co.,
Regional Accounting Dept.,
119 West 19th St.,
New York.

Sirs:

Re: Treasury Bill H-7657 and H-8285
File G-30-5-D

In reply to yours of the 3rd instant regarding payment of the above mentioned bills, in the amounts of $1.05 and $1.15, respectively, the records of this office indicate that settlement was effected August 31, 1925, settlement No. 81594-T, by the General Accounting office, in the total amount of $194.69.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 15, 1925.

Instructor of Civics, I,
Sisters of Providence,
The Saint John Academy,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sister:

Replying to your letter of October 12, I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint of 1896, which contains a description of the processes employed in the manufacture of coins in the mints. These methods have, of course, been improved upon since the date of the report referred to, but there is no other publication which covers this subject, as the Department has purposely avoided describing the methods of coinage, and a Departmental order prohibits the photographing of mint processes and machinery.

As of possible interest to you I am also forwarding a copy of the last annual Report of the Director of the Mint, a copy of pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", and a pamphlet relating to the coins and medals of the United States.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1925.

Mr. George F. Ellis,
514 First Avenue, North,
Fargo, N.D.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 12 please be advised that it is not unlawful to melt coins of the United States. It is illegal to deface or mutilate coins or reduce them in weight with the intention of returning the coins to circulation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1925.

Mr. J. B. McPherson,
The B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company,
Akron, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 13 please be advised that application for the Fort Vancouver half dollar should be made to the Fort Vancouver Centennial Committee, Vancouver, Washington.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1925.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts at the mints during the month of September, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

| | Fine ounces |
|---|---|
| Domestic crude silver . . . . . . . . | 30,972.18 |
| Foreign Crude Silver . . . . . . . . | 39,933.52 |
| Foreign silver coin . . . . . . . . | 1,576.35 |

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 16, 1925.

Survey Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of September, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

| | Fine ounces |
|---|---|
| Unrefined domestic gold . . . . . . . . | 78,328.788 |
| " " silver . . . . . . . | 30,972.18 |

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

October 16, 1925.

Mr. S. H. Campbell,
1048 Washington Ave.,
Huntington, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 14 please be advised that the mints do not purchase melted silverware.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1925.

General Frank McIntyre, U.S.A.,
Chief of Bureau of Insular Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Dear General McIntyre:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of October 14 requesting that certain dies be prepared for the mint at Manila, P.I.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has today been instructed to prepare these dies and notify this Bureau when they are shipped in order that the Governor General may be advised by you.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1925.

Mr. Harry L. Covert,
The Stockton Review and
Rocks County Record,
Stockton, Kansas.

Sir:

The medal described in your letter is one of a series of medals issued at the Mint, Philadelphia. In the early history of our country it was a custon for the head of the nation to present to the Chief of a friendly tribe of Indians, for a friendly act, or at the conclusion of a treaty, a silver medal such as you describe. These medals are now made in bronze or silver, and form part of the series of medals, of a uniform size, of all of the Presidents, to President Coolidge included.

It is an interesting fact that occasionally a silver medal has been found in the vicinity of Indian burial places. It is presumed that the medals were worn by the Indian Chiefs. They are called "Indian Peace MEDALS"

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:
Medal circular.

October 17, 1925.

Miss Stella A. Ganong,
327 E. Maynard Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 14 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold jewelry scrap when deposits are made in an amount sufficient to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. This material is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Small deposits are not accepted.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1925.

Mr. William Bourke,
General Delivery,
Cornwall on Hudson, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 15 please be advised that the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia purchases gold scrap when presented in a sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. This material is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Small deposits are not accepted.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1925.

Hon. Henry St. George Tucker,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Tucker:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of October 15, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, in behalf of Doctor James Lewis Howe, who desires to be appointed as a member of the Assay Commission which meets in Philadelphia in February. The appointments are not made by the President until sometime in January. I shall take pleasure in placing Dr. Howe's name on file to be considered when the list is to be prepared for submission to the Secretary.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1925.

Mr. Edward F. Otto,
1240 North El Centro Street,
Hollywood, California.

Sir:

I am returning the ten-cent fractional currency note forwarded by you, and have to advise you that the note will be redeemed by the Treasurer of the United States at face value.

The Government does not pay a premium for any issue of money. I regret that I am unable to inform you as to what amount, if any, collectors might pay for such a piece. The notes are not rare.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1925.

Mr. James R. Riddle,
210 Pacific Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to the coinage of silver dollars in 1921, please be advised that in the calendar year mentioned 86,730,000 dollars of the old design, and 1,006,473 of the new design were manufactured. The design for the new dollar, commonly called the "PEACE" dollar was not approved until December, 1921.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1925.

Director of Supply,
Bureau of Supply,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter dated October 20, 1925, please be advised that this Bureau has no suggestions to offer regarding changes, additions or eliminations in the headings of the Specifications and Proposals for Supplies for the fiscal year 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1925.

Hon. T. Webber Wilson,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Wilson:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 15, enclosing a letter from Rev. Chas. L. W. Reese, Pascagoula, Miss., who desires to purchase certain commemorative coins.

I take pleasure in enclosing a list of commemorative coins which indicates the agents charged with their distribution. The coins are sold for $1.00 each.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1925.

Mr. L. C. Adkins,
137 N. Broadway, Rear,
New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 12 please be advised that this Bureau has no literature descriptive of mineral deposits.

I would suggest that you writer to the Bureau of Mines, Interior Department, Washington, D.C., for the information you desire.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1925.

Mr. O. E. Carlsen,
4726 Lowell Ave.,
Chicago. Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 16 please be advised that application should be made to the Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Association, Bennington, Vermont, for the Bennington half dollar.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1925.

Mr. Sam W. Clements, Cashier,
Farmers Bank of Uniontown,
Uniontown, Kentucky.

Sir:

The metal disc submitted with your letter of October 14 contains no gold or silver, and is of no value. It was not a $5.00 gold piece, but is an ordinary copper alloy. I am returning the disc herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1925.

Secretary, International Exchange Service,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am forwarding to you under separate cover the Reports of the Director of the Mint for the following years, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924, which I will ask you to kindly forward through your Service to the De Javasche Bank, Amsterdam Holland.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1925.

De Javasche Bank,

Amsterdam, Holland.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 10, please be advised that I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you, through the International Exchange Service, copies of the Reports of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924. A copy of the Report for 1925 will be forwarded to you within the next few weeks, as it is now in the hands of the printer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

October 20, 1925.

Mr. J. R. Hammerle,
691 7th Avenue,
Williamsport, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that your name has been placed on the list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1925. The Report will be issued next month.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1925.

The American Metal Company, Limited,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 19, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to settle purchases of silver made from you on September 22 and October 6 on the basis of the rates quoted, at 999 fine.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1925.

Mrs. Edwin N. Congdon,
R. D. No. 2,
Ilion, N.Y.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 19 please be advised that the Government will redeem the currency you describe at face value. The Government does not pay a premium for any of the money issued by it. I would suggest that you address the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1925.

Mr. Stuart G. Gibboney, President,
Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation,
115 Broadway, New York City.

Sir:

At the request of Hon. Royal S. Copeland, I have today requested the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia to forward to you a bronze medal of President Jefferson, which is one of the series of Presidential medals, together with a case for the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1925.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of recent date, please be advised that tenders of silver were made at the following prices by the firms indicated, for delivery to the Philadelphia Mint, on bids opened October 15, 1925:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| United Metals Selling Company . . . . | $0.7140 | per ounce. |
| American Metal Company, Ltd. . . . . | .7149 | " " |
| " " " | .7154 | " " |
| U.S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. . | .71625 | " " |

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1925.

Mrs. Lewis M. Wheeler,
Cairo, Illinois.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 20 please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium on any issues of coins or paper money. It is understood that certain newspapers have undertaken a campaign to popularize the two dollar notes by offering a premium on notes bearing certain serial numbers, and turned in to their offices.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1925.

The City National Bank,

Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 19 please be advised that application for the Vancouver half dollars should be made to the Fort Vancouver Centennial Committee, Vancouver, Washington.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1925.

Mr. R. B. Coons,
633 Vine Street,
Irwin, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 20 please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins, and does not publish a list of coin dealers or collectors. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you desire.

I am returning your letter containing the list of coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1925.

Mr. Irving L. Van Etten,
175 West 97th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 21 please be advised that the Department has not under condideration the striking of a coin to take the place of the one dollar bill. As you are aware, an Act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of such a coin.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1925.

Mr. R. J. Bath, Cashier,
The United States National Bank,
Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 17, together with box containing material described by you as mutilated coin which had been through a severe fire.

An examination of the material indicates that it contains no silver. As the deposit is of no value to the Government it will be held at this office awaiting instructions from you as to its disposition. If you wish to have it returned to you please notify this Bureau at once and it will be shipped at your expense.

Respectfully,

R J Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1925.

Mr. Wm. P. Reilly,
Bureau of Buildings,
Borough Hall,
Staten Island, New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 21 please be advised that application should be made to the Fort Vancouver Centennial Committee, Vancouver, Washington, for the special half dollars commemorating the founding of Fort Vancouver.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1925.

Mr. Lucion Fortemps,
Sawyer, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 12 please be advised that the Treasury Department does not pass upon questions of numismatics. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins and does not publish a list of coin dealers or collectors.

I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you desire.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1925.

J. Lehrenkrauss & Sons,
359 Fulton Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of October 20, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The quarter eagle coined during the current calendar year is of the Indian head type, which was designed by Bella L. Pratt, and adopted in 1908.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1925.

Mr. Luther C. Steward, President,
National Federation of Federal Employees,
10 B Street, S.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 22 please be advised that this Bureau is not in postion to furnish you with advance copy and sheets of our annual report for the fiscal year 1925. Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of this report when issued, which will be sometime next month.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1925.

New York Steam Corporation,
250 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of October 15th addressed to the New York Assay Office in reply to their letter of the 10th concerning your bills for service during April and May, 1925, has been referred to this office.

Further consideration of the matter indicates that your rate schedule, effective April 1, 1925, provides for a rate of charge for the minimum of demand, which in the case of the New York Assay Office is 250,000 Kals per month, of 90 cents per 1,000 Kals; and for the excess, to a total of 3,000,000 Kals over said minimum of demand, 75 cents per 1,000 Kals; in addition, provision is made for surcharge or credit in accordance with the price of coal. In this case the other schedule rates are not pertinent.

While the New York Assay Office average actual consumption during the four summer months period was somewhat less than 200,000 Kals per month, you billed the office and they paid for 250,000 Kals for each of the three months when the actual consumption was under that quantity. This is a clear recognition of our being entitled to the rates covered by the schedule in question, and without doubt calls for adjustment on the amounts billed us after the schedule became effective April 1, 1925. Our not using the full amount of the minimum of demand is immaterial since we could have permitted the steam to pass through the meter and thus have become technically entitled to the rates of this schedule.

This adjustment calls for refunds as follows; the question of surcharge being disregarded since it remains the same on either basis of computation:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| April-billed and paid for 1,100,000 kals @ 90¢ . . | | $990 |
| Should be 250,000 kals @ 90¢ . . | $225.00 | 862.50 |
| 850,000 kals @ 75¢ . . | 637.50 | |
| Overcharge . . . . . . . . . . . | | 127.50 |
| May - billed and paid for 985,000 kals @ 90¢ . . | | 886.50 |
| Should be 250,000 kals @ 90¢ . . | $225.00 | |
| 735,000 kals @ 75¢ . . | 551.25 | 776.25 |
| Overcharge . . . . . . . . . . . | | 110.25 |
| Total refund requested . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | | 237.75 |

New York Steam Corporation (Con'd).

Kindly forward your check for $237.75 to the Superintendent, United States Assay Office, New York, payable to him, and oblige

Yours respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1925.

Mr. Walter B. Miller,
Director of Research,
Standard Farm Papers, Inc.,
307 No. Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 22, I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which contains all the data published by this Bureau on the production of gold.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1925.

Mr. W. L. Townsend,
1311 West 2nd Street,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 21 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not publish a list of coin dealers or collectors.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1925.

Miss Frances M. Snell,

Waterloo, Iowa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 21 please be advised that the Mints do not segregate coins by years, and I regeet that I am unable to comply with your request for half dollars of the coinage of 1875.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1925.

Miss Ina H. Braun,

Bradfordwoods, Penna.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 15 please be advised that the Government is not recalling silver dollars. No coins have been recalled by the Government, and no premiums are paid on any issues of coins by the Government.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1925.

Mr. Sidney J. Jennings, Vice President,
United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co.,
55 Congress Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 22, I take pleasure in stating that there is no authority in law for the recoinage of silver dollars, except those which were melted under the Pittman Act.

Subsidiary silver coins when too much worn to be restored to circulation are melted and recoined, and the loss on the recoinage of subsidiary silver is made up by an appropriation.

As of possible interest to you I am enclosing a circular giving information on this subject.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1925.

Mr. Walter W. Zopp,
Merchants National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 22 please be advised that coins of the value indicated below were coined during the following years:

| | Half Dollars | Quarters | Dimes |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1879 . . . . . . | $ 2,950 | $ 3,675 | $1,510 |
| 1880 . . . . . . | 4,877 | 3,738 | 3,735 |
| 1881 . . . . . . | 5,487 | 3,243 | 3,497 |
| 1882 . . . . . . | 2,750 | 4,075 | |
| 1883 . . . . . . | 4,519 | 3,859 | |
| 1884 . . . . . . | 2,637 | 2,218 | |
| 1885 . . . . . . | 3,065 | 3,632 | |
| 1886 . . . . . . | 2,943 | 1,471 | |
| 1887 . . . . . . | 2,855 | | |

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 26, 1925.

Miss Doris Ambler,
1041 M Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 21, I am enclosing a circulation statement issued by the Treasurer of the United States. I have also taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which contains a table of coinage by years since the establishment of the mint.

This Bureau has no knowledge of the nugget to which you refer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1925.

Mrs. Frank H. Hill,

Highlands, North Carolina.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 20 please be advised that the Government does not publish a list of coin dealers or collectors. The Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins and does not pass upon questions of numismatics. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1925.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 23, concerning the monthly output of silver by Mexico, I would suggest that you address the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, as this Bureau has not information concerning the monthly production of silver by other countries.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 26, 1925.

Mr. Jack Mitchell,
52 Lathrop Avenue,
Binghamton, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 23 the following is submitted.

The price of gold is fixed at $20.67 plus, per ounce, 1000 fine. Silver is approximately 72 cents per ounce, and platinum is about $115.00 per ounce, these metals fluctuatin price the same as other commodities. The price of copper is about 14 cents per pound, tin 60 cents per pound, and zinc 7 cents per pound.

The one-cent piece contains 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc. The five-cent piece is composed of 75% copper and 25% nickel. The silver coins, dime, quarter, half dollar and dollar are composed of 900 parts pure metal and 100 parts copper alloy. The gold coins contain the face value of the coin in gold when issued from the mints.

The enclosed circular, "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" contains tables showing the composition of coins of this country and of foreign countries.

In reply to your inquiry as to certain acids, I am not in position to advise you in regard to this. A certain combination of acids is used to test the metals in coins but this test is not applied at the mints.

I am also forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint in which you will find a table giving the monetary stock of the different countries of the world, from which it will be possible for you to compile the amount of metals used in the respective coinages. It also contains information relative to gold and silver production.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1925.

Mr. Albert S. Samuels,
895 Market Street,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I have your letter of October 15 relative to the practice of the mint in not making any allowance for platinum scrap received in deposits of gold.

It is the practice of the Superintendents of the mints and the New York assay office to notify depositors that payment for platinum cannot be made. Should deposits of gold be received with particles of platinum not easily separated before the deposit is melted, no allowance can be made for the reason that this platinum is not separated from individual deposits, but in large quantities where many hundreds of deposits are put through the electrolytic refinery in one mass.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1925.

Mr. John Lonke,
223 Harrison Street,
Jersey City, N.J.

Sir:

Your letter of September 30 addressed to the Department of Commerce, relative to the amount of gold in the gold dollar, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Under date of October 6 this Bureau forwarded to you a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", which contains an explanation of the reason for the adoption of 23.22 grains as the fine weight of the gold dollar.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1925.

Mr. W. J. Fredrick, Jr.
San Filipe, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 21, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, a Circulation Statement, and mimeographed circulars covering the subject of manufacture and distribution of money, which contain information covering the subject matter of your letter.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1925.

Mr. Clinton M. Upham,
Grafton, N.D.

Sir:

I am returning herewith mutilated fifty-cent piece forwarded with your letter of October 23, and have to advise that the piece cannot be redeemed in its mutilated condition. Its only value lies in its silver content, which would be small owing to abrasion and mutilation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1925.

Mrs. Dora Cooper Henderson,
1628 Bailey Avenue,
Buffalo, New York.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that annalysis of mineral water is not made by this Bureau, and consequently we have no record of the analysis you mention. I would suggest that you address the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, or the Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1925.

Mr. A. K. Johnson,
P. O. Box 271,
Rockwood, Tenn.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the assay offices of the United States where such work is undertaken.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1925.

Merchants Bank & Trust Company,
Dupont Circle Branch,
Washington, D.C. Attention Mr. Vernon.

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that this Bureau has today invited bids on 500,000 ounces of fine silver for delivery to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, which bids are to be opened at this office at 2 p.m., Friday, October 30, 1925.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1925.

Hon. Willis C. Hawley,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Hawley:

Replying to your letter of October 24, I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of our letter of October 1 in asnwer to your inquiry of September 25, relative to the issue of Stone Mountain half dollars.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1925.

Mrs. F. W. Wheeler,
501 West Third Street,
Sterling, Illinois.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 21 please be advised that the Government does not purchase silverware in small quantities. Silver is purchased in large quantities in the open market on competitive bids.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1925.

Dr. Chas. W. Stephenson,
Bloomindale Hospital.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 23, I have taken pleasure in placing your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1925, which will be issued in November. This Report contains information regarding coinage to the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1925.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1925.

Mrs. Musa Herring,
Lanett, Alabama.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the sample forwarded by you, which is nothing more than a micaceous rock (mica), and is of no value.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The enclosed card indicates the assay offices of the United States where such work is done.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1925.

Mr. Claude Stanton,
Belgrade, Minn.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The enclosed card indicates the assay offices of the United States where such work is done.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 28, 1925.

Mr. H. G. Brewster,
31 Fairview Terrace,
Derby, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27 please be advised that the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, coined one-cent pieces in 1922. While the mints do not segregate coins by years, you may be able to secure a specimen of this coinage by addressing the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 28, 1925.

Mr. A. B. Kearney,
206 Broad Street,
Providence, R.I.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 24, 1925 please be advised that the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, coined one-cent pieces in 1922 to the value of $71,600.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1925.

Mr. H. Claringbole,

Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you, and have to advise that an examination of the same indicates that it contains no silver. In any event, the Government does not purchase silver in small quantities.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 28, 1925.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper,
World Almanac,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 26th please be advised that the data requested will probably be available within the next two weeks.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

October 28, 1925.

Miss Marion Phinney,
415 William Street,
Pittsfield, Mass.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 24, I take pleasure in enclosing a circular of information relating to United States coins and medals, which contains an explanation relative to mint marks referred to in your letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 29, 1925.

Mr. Donald C. Sharpe,
Verona, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27 please be advised the Indian head appearing on the one-cent piece is idealized, no particular Indian having posed for the designer.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 29, 1925.

Hon. Roy G. Fitzgerald,

Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Congressman Fitzgerald:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 27 relative to securing a supply of $2.50 gold pieces for distribution in your district. The mints are without authority to pay out these coins except on order of the Treasurer of the United States, and your letter has been referred to that officer.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 29, 1925.

Mr. Henry C. Titus, Manager,
Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation,
37 Wall Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27, the following is submitted:

On September 30 this Bureau forwarded to you the following letter:

> "This Bureau will receive, up to 2 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 1925, tenders on delivery of 500,000 ounces of fine silver to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and you are invited to submit proposal. Please state approximate date of delivery you will be able to make."

On October 6 your telegram was received reading as follows:

> "Offer hundred thousand ounces silver seventy one eleven stop hundred thousand ounces seventy one fifteen stop hundred thousand seventy one nineteen delivered Philadelphia mint within three days."

This office wired in reply on the same day:

> "Your offer one hundred thousand ounces fine silver delivered to Mint Philadelphia seventy one eleven cents per ounce accepted."

In the absence of any statement by you that the bid covered silver 999 fine instead of silver 1000 fine, the offer of 100,000 ounces at $0.7111 was accepted from you on the basis of 1000 fine, and the Philadelphia Mint was instructed to settle with you upon that basis.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 29, 1925.

Hon. James C. McLaughlin,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman McLaughlin:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of October 28 requesting that all available information relative to the value of old and rare coins and paper money be sent to Mr. S. Harlan Baker, Wellston, Michigan.

The Treasury Department does not issue a list of the values of old coins or paper money, has no knowledge of the coin collectors paying for such pieces, and is not in possession of a list of coin dealers.

As of possible assistance to your correspondent I suggest that he be advised to address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 29, 1925.

Mr. S. G. Smith, Cashier,
Neat, Condit & Grout,
Winchester, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 22, the following is submitted:

The actual value of the silver in a silver dollar on January 4, 1920 was approximately $1.01, and on January 1, 1925, $0.52. The highest actual value the silver dollar reached between 1920 and 1925 was on January 12, 1920, when the silver content was valued at approximately $1.06.

The weight of the silver dollar in grams is 26.7301, and in grains 412.50, containing 371.25 grains of pure silver. The composition of the silver dollar is 900 parts silver and 100 parts copper.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1925.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces silver at seventy one point naught seven cents per ounce accepted

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

October 30, 1925.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway,
New York City.

Your offer fifty thousand ounces silver seventy one cents per ounce accepted

M. M. O Reilly
Acting Director Mint

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

October 30, 1926.

American Metal Company, Limited,
61 Broadway,
New York City

Of your offer five hundred thousand ounces silver xxx two hundred fifty thousand ounces at seventy one decimal naught eight cents per ounce accepted

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director Mint

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

October 30, 1925.

Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation,
37 Wall Street,
New York City.

Offer one hundred thousand ounces silver thousand fing at seventy one decimal naught three cents per ounce accepted.

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1926.

October 30, 1925.

Hon. Irvine L. Lenroot,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Lenroot:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 29 enclosing a letter from Mr. E. W. Quirk together with copy of newspaper clipping, regarding the minting of a new coin.

I am returning Mr. Quirk's letter and enclosure and have to advise you that the press statement to the effect that the Treasury Department proposes to issue a new coin in lieu of paper currency is without any basis of fact. The Department has no such intention, nor has it any intention of asking authority of Congress to modify the present coinage laws, without which authority a change in coins could not be made.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1925.

Mr. Harry Castle,
219 South Main St.,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27 please be advised that half dimes were made from 1793 until 1805, with the exception of the years 1798 and 1799 and 1804. The coinage of this denomination was resumed in 1829 and continued until 1873, when their coinage was discontinued. Half dimes to the value of $4,880,219.40 have been coined.

The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not publish a list of coin dealers or collectors.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1925.

Mr. H. J. Werneburg,
804 Diamond Bank Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 29 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the report of the Director of the Director of the Mint which contains a table of coinage since the establishment of the mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1925.

Mr. H. Vander Mey,
215 Cherry St.,
Saginaw, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your card of October 26 please be advised that application for $2.50 gold pieces should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States as the Mints are without authority to issue these coins except on order of that officer.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1925.

Mr. Frank Reeder, Cashier,
Twelve Points State Bank,
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27, I am enclosing a list of commemorative coins which indicates the agents charged with their distribution. I am unable to advise you where a specimen of the Columbian coins may be obtained.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1925.

Hon. George Wharton Pepper,
2231 Land Title Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Senator Pepper:

In reply to your request for information regarding the wage scale of employees in the United States Mint and Assay Service, the matter having been brought to your attention by Mr. John D. Cloud, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Federation of Federal Employees (Union No. 23), I have to inform you that it is true that for many years the salary scale for statutory employees of the Mint service remained fixed. That situation has now been corrected by the reclassification. In the matter of wages paid skilled workmen a steady advance has been granted them.

Using the case of Mr. Cloud as an example: Mr. Cloud entered the service as a classified laborer in 1909 at $3.00 per day. In 1910 he was made a helper, and in 1912 his pay increased to $3.50 per day. In 1918 he was advanced to $4.50; 1920, $5.50; 1922, $6.16, and on July 1, 1924 he was advanced to $6.96 per day. In addition to this per diem allowance the wage employees of the Mint are paid for overtime.

I trust this information is what you seek.

Respectfully yours,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1925.

Miss Alta B. Claflin, Librarian,
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Madam:

Responding to your request of October 28 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover copies of the mimeographed pamphlets covering the monetary system of the United States and a description of our paper currency.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1925.

Hon. Eugene Black,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Black:

Replying to your letter of October 28 please be advised that this Bureau has no copies of the publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection" available for gratuitous distribution.

I would suggest that you advise Mr. Wendles to make application to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for the volume referred to. It is sold for $1.00 a copy.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1925.

Mr. C. H. Fischer,
347 West 9th St.,
Erie, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of October 29 addressed to Hon. C. S. Dewey, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The mints are without authority to pay out coins without an order from the Treasurer of the United States, and I would suggest that you make application to that office for the $2.50 gold pieces. Three dollar gold pieces have not been coined for several years and are not available for distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1925.

Mr. Claude Dunlap,
c/o Clarence Christensen,
Clifton, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 28, I am enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins which indicates the agents charged with their distribution, to whom application should be made.

The coin commemorating the Stone Mountain monument was also a Harding memorial coin.

Application for $2.50 gold pieces should be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1925.

Miss Verna Kraus,
404 Dorr St.,
Antigo, Wisconsin.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I am forwarding to you under separate cover mimeographed pamphlets descriptive of the monetary system of the United States.

The coinage mints are located at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver. The Treasury Departments purposely avoids describing the methods of coining money.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1925.

Edward B. Howell, Esq.,
Butte, Montana.

Sir:

Your letter of October 27, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The press statement to the effect that the Treasury Department proposes to issue a new coin in lieu of paper currency is without any basis of fact. The Department has no such intention, nor has it any intention of asking authority of Congress to modify the present coinage laws, without which authority a change in coins could not be made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 30, 1925, please be advised Paul A. Mitchell, an employee in the United States Assay Office, New York, filed a bond with another company as surety, which bond was approved under date of August 27, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
5 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 30, 1925, please be advised that Daniel Daly, an employee in the United States Assay Office, New York, filed a bond with another company as surety, which bond was approved under date of August 27, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1925.

Mr. Edwin Kerr Dukes,
Independence, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 29th please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold jewelry scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. This material is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Small deposits are not accepted.

The mints do not purchase gold in the form of ore. The enclosed card indicates the assay offices of the United States where assays are made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1925.

Mr. Henry Stanley Haskins,
17 Broad Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 26 I have to advise you that the thickness of the $50.00 gold coin, issued in 1915 for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, is three millimeters.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1925.

Miss Emma L. Miller,
1222 Locust St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 21 please be advised that the records of this office show that you were appointed as clerk, at $720 per annum on February 9, 1903, taking the oath of office the same day, and that you severed connection with this Bureau on May 31, 1903.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1925.

The Central Railroad Company of New Jersy,
Jersey City, N. J.

Sirs:

Re Transportation Co.'s Bill No. 60825/25

Herewith find enclosed certificate in lieu of Bill of Lading No. 497459, April 29, 1925, covering shipment of 294 bags of "Mint Sweeps" from U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, to Balbach Metals Corporation, Newark, N. J. It is requested that the certificate of receipt thereon as indicated by the (x) be completed by the Balbach Metals Company and returned to this Bureau as it is necessary before the voucher can be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 2, 1925.

Mrs. C. C. Webb,
Highland, Kansas.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 26 please be advised that a brief history of the United States Mints is contained in the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals", a publication sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy. I regret that this office has no copies of this publication for gratuitous distribution.

As of possible interest to you I am enclosing a circular of information relative to United States coins and medals.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 2, 1925.

Mr. Arthur E. Nelson,
410 West End Ave.,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 1 please be advised that the piece described by you is not a coin of the United States, but a small medalet struck by private parties during the Civil War in resemblance of a cent piece.

In December, 1860, Howell Cobb of Georgia, who was Secretary of the Treasury, resigned his post and John A. Dix was appointed in his place. At that time New Orleans was virtually in possession of the secession party. There were two revenue cutters there and Secretary Dix ordered them to New York. The Captain of one of the revenue cutters, named McClelland, refused to obey the order when Secretary Dix telegraphed to an agent of the Department to "tell Lieutenant Caldwell to arrest the Captain and treat him as a mutineer in case he offers any resistance. adding "If any one attempts to haul down the American flag shoot him on the spot."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1925.

Mr. Christopher B. Ceoleman, Director
Historical Bureau,
State House,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

Your letter of October 30 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

An act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of a special coin, such as your describe.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1925.

The Director of the Mint,
Paris, France.

Sir:

With further reference to your letter of September 10, and my reply of October 12, I have today taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover plans received from the Superintendents of the United States Mints at Philadelphia and Denver of the respective departments of their institutions, together with information indicating the location of the different pieces of equipment and machinery. I trust this data will be of service to you.

Respectfully yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1925.

Mr. Sylvester Schafer,
202 Forest St.,
Wausau, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 29 please be advised that the Mint at New Orleans is no longer operated as a coinage mint.

Any owner of silver may take it to a mint and have it returned in the form of fine bars. The mints are not purchasing silver except on competitive bids in the open market. The market price of silver, which today is about 70 cents per ounce, is paid for such purchases. The coinage of silver is not free to the public.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
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November 3, 1925.

Mr. Edward Drechsel,
10621 S. Irving Ave.,
Beverley Hills,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise that a visual examination indicates that the same is pyrites, and of no value.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the assay offices of the United States where such work is done.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1925.

Capt. J. M. Even,
Eiler Block,
Meadville, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of October 20 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The act of January 18, 1837 fixed the legal weight of the gold dollar at 25.8 grains and its fine weight at 23.22 grains. The pamphlet, "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", copy enclosed, explains the reason for the adoption of this standard. (Pages 5-6).

For information concerning the adoption of the design for the Great Seal of the United States I would refer you to the Encyclopedia Americana.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

JR

November 3, 1925.

Mr. J. C. Blanchard,
656 W. Main St.,
Ionia, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 1 please be advised that application for the Bennington commemorative coins should be made to the Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Association, Bennington, Vt.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1925.

American Railway Express Company,
Regional Accounting Department,
119 West 19th St.,
New York.

Sirs:

Re. File 6-3-5-D
Treasury Bill H/6/7457.

The records of this office indicate that the above bill was included in settlement No. 82152, dated September 30, 1925, in the total amount of $3.13, of the General Accounting Office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 4, 1925.

Mr. M. W. Hine,
Cort Road, R.F.D. 1,
Kirkland, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 29 please be advised that the press statement to the effect that the Treasury Department proposes to issue a new coin in lieu of paper currency is without any basis of fact. The Department has no such intention, nor has it any intention of asking authority of Congress to modify the present coinage laws, without which authority a change in coins could not be made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find voucher in favor of Mary M. Degan, Administratrix of the estate of John A. Degan, deceased, for $28.35, compensation due deceased for services July 1 to 4, 1925.

Authority for payment of the amount due is requested, which amount is payable by M. J. Kelly, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Calif.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 5, 1925.

Mr. F. J. Pierce,
1135 Bertch Ave.,
Waterloo, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 2 please be advised that the Government does not distribute commemorative coins. These coins are turned over to agents designated to receive and make payment for the same at face value.

I am enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins which indicates the agents charged with their distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 5, 1925.

The Western Union Telegraph Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Herewith are returned subvouchers Nos. 01 and 04, in the amounts of $1.01 and $0.81, respectively, of voucher 2410, for $4.45, transmitting charges for September, 1925, with the information that they are not a proper charge against the Treasury Department. These amounts being deducted the voucher has been approved for payment for $2.63, representing the difference of the original amount and the returned items.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

November 5, 1925.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co.,
Office Freight Traffic (Auditor)
Chicago, Ill.

Sirs:

Re. Bills U. S. G. 27352 & 27390

In reply to your inquiries of the 30th and 31st ultimo, relative to the above noted bills, beg to state that the records of this office indicate that they were included in settlement No. 82366, dated October 7, 1925, of the General Accounting Office, in the total amount of $61.39

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 6, 1925.

Mr. G. W. Smiley,
Route 2, Box 36,
Farmerville, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 30 please be advised that the Government does not publish a list of coin dealers or collectors. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you desire.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1925.

Mr. O. B. Davis,

Davy, W. Va.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination of the material indicates that it is of no value.

The card enclosed indicates the assays offices of the United States where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1925.

Honorable Jesse S. Cottrell,
United States Minister Plenipotentiary,
La Paz, Bolivia.

Sir:

I certainly appreciate your personal interest in securing the information requested by the Mint Bureau in its "Interrogatories", and avail myself of this opportunity to express my heartiest thanks for your kind cooperation.

In compliance with request contained in your letter of October 8, 1925, I am sending you two copies of "Interrogatories", one of which to be filled out and returned.

I am also enclosing a few copies of the monetary stock and production tables, reprinted from my last year's report.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 6, 1925.

Mr. Albert S. Samuels,
695 Market Street,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Your letter of October 31 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred by him to this Bureau for attention.

I would refer you to my letter of October 26 stating the position of the Mint Service in regard to platinum. The mints and assay offices are allowed to purchase only such metals as are required for monetary purposes. We have no authority to purchase platinum, nor funds to pay for the same, and we are not in the market at any time for that metal. When a preliminary determination of platinum can be made and deposits show an appreciable amount, the depositor is notified and is free to withdraw his deposit upon payment of charges to cover the cost of such determination.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1925.

Mrs. Dora H. Thomison,
Evensville, Tennessee.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 4 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the assay offices of the United States where such assays are made.

I am returning the material forwarded by you, and a visual examination of the same indicates that it is of no value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1925.

Honorable J. C. O. Valdes,
Director of the Mint,
Mexico City, Mexico.

Dear Mr. Director:

I have received your highly interesting report for the fiscal year 1923, for which please accept my heartiest thanks. Of particular interest to me at present is the chapter on technical work.

Hoping that you will continue to honor me with your annual report, I am

Respectfully yours,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

S:f

November 7, 1925.

Mr. Wilbur H. Ponder,
Director in Banking and Finance,
LaSalle Extension University,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 5, the following is submitted:-

The Superintendents of the coinage mints and the New York Assay Office are not allowed to buy silver when the supply is redundant. When silver in addition to that on hand at the mints is needed for subsidiary coinage, the Director of the Mint invites proposals from various dealers, and the metal is purchased from the lowest bidder. The only silver the superintendent of the mints are allowed to buy from depositors is that contained in gold deposits. Bullion containing one part in 1,000, by assay, of gold, is classed as gold bullion. When silver contained in gold is purchased it is paid for at the market price of silver on the day the deposit is made. All deposits are assayed to determine the gold and silver content before payment is made to a depositor.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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November 7, 1925.

Director of the Mint,
Paris,
France.

Dear Mr. Director:

It gives me great pleasure to return the proof sheets sent by you in September, your number 3366, with the required insertions.

With regard to the other data requested in your "Questionnaire", the replies are as follows:

I. Only authorization for several commemorative coins of special design, but to conform with existing standards of weight, fineness, etc.
II, III, XI, XII, XVII, XVIII. No data available.
XIII and XIV. Replies contained in enclosed pamphlet, "The Worlds Monetary Stocks".
XV. The rates of exchange are given in the following table:

| New York | Highest | | Lowest | | Average | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| on- | 1922 | 1923 | 1922 | 1923 | 1922 | 1923 |
| Paris | 9.35 | 7.41 | 6.20 | 5.00 | 8.20 | 6.08 |
| London | 4.6799 | 4.7219 | 4.1865 | 4.2846 | 4.4292 | 4.5748 |

The latest French Mint Report received by this office is for the years 1917 and 1918. I would greatly appreciate receiving these valuable reports for subsequent years.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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enc

November 9, 1925.

Comptroller of the Currency,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with request of the Deputy Comptroller dated August 31, 1925, I have the honor to forward herewith corrected page proof of pages 218 to 225 inclusive of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the past fiscal year, carrying revised table of world's monetary stock of gold, silver and paper money at the close of the year 1923, and similar table as at the close of 1924, subject to revision when the report of the Director of the Mint for 1925 is published.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

November 9, 1925.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper,
World Almanac,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your recent requests, please find inclosed tables corrected to date for use in the the World Almanac for 1926, concerning world's production of gold and silver.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.
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November 10, 1925.

Mr. H. W. Baer, Asst. Treasurer,
Waterbury Button Company,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 7, which has been referred to this Bureau, please be advised that the Mint has no information relative to buttons for the National Home of Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. The mint has never made buttons for the purpose stated.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1925.

Mr. Stephen H. Bray,
64 Wilton Avenue,
Norwalk, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 9, I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins which indicates the agents charged with their distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1925.

Mr. R. C. Jackson,

Delhi, New York.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 7 making application for position in the United States Mint Service.

Positions in the Mint Service are subject to civil service examination, and I would suggest that you communicate with your District Secretary of the United States Civil Service Commission relative to examinations.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1925.

Mr. J. B. Jackson, President,
The Anna National Bank,
Anna, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 7 please be advised that the $50.00 octagonal shaped gold coins were struck for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition and were turned over to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company, San Francisco for distribution. There are none of these coins in the mints or in the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1925.

Mr. W. J. Dyer, Asst. Cashier,
The First National Bank,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of November 4 addressed to the Comptroller of the Currency has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

As you are aware, it would require an act of Congress to authorise the issue of a coin of another denomination or composition than those now in circulation. The Treasury Department does not contemplate the issue of a new coin to take the place of paper currency and has no intention of requesting Congress to modify the present coinage laws, without which modification a coin such as you describe could not be issued. The newspaper statements to the effect that a new coin is being considered by the Treasury Department is without any basis of fact.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1925.

Mr. E. W. Sweet,
35 Thornton Street,
Roxbury, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 5 please be advised that the Treasury Department has no intention whatever of requesting Congress to authorize the issue of new coins to replace lower denominations of paper currency. The press statements to the effect that such coins are being considered have no basis whatever of fact.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1925.

Mr. L. E. Dyson,
312 Garrard St.,
Covington, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 4 please be advised that five-cent pieces to the value of $3,682,961.95 were coined in 1913, all of the Buffalo design, the Indian head design having been discontinued in 1912.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1925.

Miss Lorena Locey,
Box 381,
Dows, Iowa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 4 please be advised that the fineness of gold is determined by melt and assay, and the gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, and this check can be collected in gold, if practicable.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 9, 1925.

Mr. M. P. McNulty,
317 South Washington St.,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the Assay Offices of the United States where such work is done.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

~~R. J. Grant~~
Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1925.

Mr. M. F. Lau, Purchasing Agent,
The Davison Chemical Co.,
Garrett Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 9 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia can provide you with an ounce of proof gold. I would suggest that you address the Superintendent of that institution as to the cost.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1925.

Mr. Geo. H. Ashley, State Geologist,
Department of Forests and Waters,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 9 in which you state your office has been advised that the collection of specimens and articles in the Philadelphia Mint is to be distributed and the exhibit closed, please be advised that the Numismatic Collection has been lent to the National Museum in this city and is now on exhibition in that institution.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1935.

Mr. E. C. French, Manager,
Cash Department,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 9 (CB-VAH), please be advised that the records of this office indicate that the coinage statements for the months of July and August were forwarded to you. However, I have taken pleasure in causing duplicate copies to be forwarded to you today.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1925.

Mr. Paul Sullivan,
222 Second Street,
Union City, New Jersey.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your postal money order for $5.10 to cover the cost of commemorative coins. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins. I am enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins which indicates the agents charged with their distribution. I would suggest that you make application to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., for the silver dollars you desire.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 30 please be advised that William G. Clarke resigned as a Guard in the United States Assay Office, New York, on August 22, 1925. It is understood that Mr. Clarke was bonded by your company under date of September 21, 1922, your bond No. 767993.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 29 please be advised that Benjamin F. Gambrill's new bond with your company, dated October 26, 1925, in the sum of $5,000, has been approved by the Secretary's office under date of November 5, 1925. Mr. Gambrill is employed as a stamper in the United States Assay Office, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1925.

Mr. C. W. Handy, Vice President,
Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Handy:

Replying to your letter of November 9 please be advised that your name is on the list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint on the day it is released. We have been instructed to hold our Report for release until after the Secretary's Report has been sent out.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1925.

Mr. W. H. Rastall,
Chief, Industrial Machinery Division,
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce.

Sir:

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Replying to your letter of November 9 transmitting a copy of report received from your representative in Bucharest, Rumania, relative to minting machinery, I take pleasure in submitting the names of the following manufactures of such machinery:

Farrel Foundry and Machine Co., Ansonia, Conn.
Ferracute Machine Co., Bridgeton, N.J.
Bliss Machine Co., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Waterbury Farrel Foundry & Machine Co., Waterbury, Conn.
The Fisher Machine Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1925.

Miss Adelaide Keller,
620 Stoner Ave.,
Shreveport, La.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 2 please be advised that the press statements to the effect that the Treasury Department proposes to issue a new coin in lieu of paper currency of small denominations is without any basis of fact. The Department has no such intention, nor has it any intention of asking authority of Congress to modify the present coinage laws, without which authority a change in coins could not be made.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1925.

Mr. John R. Demarest, Secretary,
The Wilson H. Lee Company,
246 Meadow St.,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 9, please be advised that this Bureau has no knowledge of bronze and other metal medals or coins which are available for presentation for services rendered. It may be you have in mind War Department service medals, and I would suggest that you address the Adjutant General of the Army, War Department, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1925.

Mr. Glenn E. Brown,
Box 125,
Priest River, Idaho.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the $1.00 bill forwarded by you for one Lee Memorial 50-cent piece. It is believed you have reference to the Stone Mountain Memorial Coin, which carries the portrait of General Robert E. Lee.

The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins, and I would suggest that you address the Stone Mountain Confederate Mommmental Association, Grant Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1925.

Hon. Albert H. Vestal,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

Referring to your call at the Department relative to a communication received from Mr. A. A. Harriott, Registered Optometrist, Muncie, Indiana, in which Mr. Harriott referred to deposits of gold scrap at the United States Mints, the following is submitted:

The Regulations require that an initial charge of $1.00 be imposed on all deposits to cover the cost to the Government of melting the same in order to determine the exact value of the gold and silver content. It is obvious that very small deposits could not be handled with profit to the depositor should we be able to receive indefinite quantities.

The $100 limit referred to in Mr. Harriott's letter was established to prevent shipments to the mints of small bits of scrap, plated cuff buttons, and small bits of broken jewelry and plated ware. If a deposit approximates $100 in value it will be received at a mint or assay office. Should Mr. Harriott forward to the mint a deposit having a value of approximately $100 it would be melted, assayed, and the exact value of the gold and silver content paid by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after nominal charges had been deducted to cover the cost to the Government of preparing such material for coinage purposes.

May I suggest that Mr. Harriott might be willing to permit his scrap to accumulate until it at least approximates $100 in value, and then send it to the mint.

I trust this explanation will be satisfactory to your constituent, and assure you that this office is always glad to serve you in any way possible, or your constituents through you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

November 13, 1925.

Mr. A. Alfred Whitehead,
1976 Honeywell Ave.,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 12 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

In 1835 half dollars to the value of $2,676,003.00 were coined.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 13, 1925.

Iroquois Publishing Company, Inc.,
Syracuse, New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 11, I am enclosing an excerpt from the Penal Code of the United States, section 171, covering the publication of photographs of coins. It will be noted that the section, as amended, does not prohibit the publishing of illustrations of coins and medals, or the making of the necessary plates for the same, to be used in illustrating school arithmetics.

We regret that we cannot be of assistance to you by sending photographs or plates of coins as we have none in the Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1925.

Dr. Chas. W. Stephenson,
Bloomingdale Hospital,
White Plains, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 12 please be advised that the Mint of the United States at Denver has coined slightly over 100,000 pieces in double eagles. Application for the coins should be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., who will, of course, pay out the coins at face value.

Mint Reports from 1911 to date are not available in this Bureau for distribution. I would suggest that you make application to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., where the Reports are sold for a nominal charge.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1925.

Mr. John Hyduk,
New Hotel Plumb,
Streator, Illinois.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the one-cent piece forwarded with your letter of recent date and have to advise you that the piece has been mutilated since it left the mint. It appears to have been used as a washer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1925.

Mr. F. E. Titus,
310 S. Blackstone St.,
Jackson, Michigan.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the ring forwarded by you, and have to advise that the Government purchases gold jewelry scrap only when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Small deposits are not accepted.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1925.

Mr. Howard Burr,
1360 Sprague St.,
Akron, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the one-cent piece forwarded with your letter of November 11, and have to advise that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and no coins have been called in.

The initials appearing on the coin are those of the designer, Victor D. Brenner, and millions of these pieces bearing the initials were placed in circulation. It was later decided to strike the coins without initials. Many of the coins of the United States bear the initials of the designers.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1925.

Mr. John L. Adams,
217 Penn Street,
Braddock, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 10 please be advised that the weight of the five-cent piece is .16075 troy ounces, and the diameter .835 inches. These figures are applicable to both types of nickel referred to by you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1925.

Mrs. Madeline B. Graham,
44 Carlson Place,
Bristol, Conn.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 11, please be advised that the Government purposely avoids publishing matter descriptive of the methods employed in the manufacture of coinage. Department regulations prohibit the taking of photographs of mint machinery.

As of possible interest to you, I take pleasure in enclosing pamphlets describing the monetary system of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1925.

Peoples State Bank,
Tyler, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 10 please be advised that the coin described by you was authorized to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Monroe Doctrine. These coins were turned over to the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California, for distribution. It is understood the coins may now be obtained at face value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1925.

Miss Julia H. Gagnier,
9005 Ann Court,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 11 please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins, and does not pass upon questions of numismatics. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1925.

Mr. J. W. Howard,
Box 15,
Custer, Michigan.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 10th please be advised that dimes to the value of $205,099.60 were coined in 1894. The coinage of these pieces was distributed as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Philadelphia . . . . . | $ 133,097.20 |
| New Orleans. . . . . . | 72,000.00 |
| San Francisco. . . . . | 2.40 |
| | 205,099.60 |

Respectfully,

M. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1925.

Mr. Hilton Butler,
112 Lenox Building,
Army & Navy Journal,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 15 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins which indicates the agents charged with their distribution. It is understood that these coins are sold for $1.00 each. As you are aware, the Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1925.

Mr. V. W. Dillard, Asst. Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond,
Richmond, Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 14, I take pleasure in forwading a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" on page 12 of which you will find a history of the Philippine Peso.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1925.

Hon. Don B. Colton,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Colton:

Your letter of November 14 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting permission for Mr. Thomas C. Harris and Mr. M. F. Marsden to visit the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, has been referred to this office for attention.

For the purpose of more closely guarding the large amount of coin and bullion on hand, all of the mints and assay offices have been closed to visitors. This Bureau would like to accede to your request and direct the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to admit these gentlemen on your account, but the Department does not deem it advisable to make an exception. I feel sure you will appreciate the urgent need of the precaution now being taken and the position of the Department in its effort to adhere impartially to the decision to close the mints to visitors for the present.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint

November 16, 1925.

Mr. W. S. Andrews, Asst. Cashier,
The Hartford-Aetna National Bank,
Hartford, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 14 please be advised that 150,000 half dollars have been coined under authority of the Act of Congress, approved February 24, 1925, to commemorate the California Diamond Jubilee. These coins were turned over to the California Diamond Jubilee Committee, San Francisco, California, for distribution. It is understood they are sold at a premium. As you are aware, the Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1925.

Mr. Walter W. Zopp,
Merchants National Bank,
St. Paul, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 13 please be advised that 150,000 pieces have been struck to commemorate the California Diamond Jubilee. Vancouver half dollars to the number of 50,000 have been struck. None of the above coins have been returned to the mints.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1925.

Miss Josie Burt,
West Lima, Wisconsin.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 12 please be advised that your name has been placed on the list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1925, which will be issued in a few weeks.

There is enclosed a list of recent commemorative coins which indicates the agents charged with their distribution.

Application for the Peace Dollar should be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., though these coins are in circulation and may be obtained from any bank. These are not special coins, but are part of the regular issues of our coinage, and have been struck each year since the design was adopted in 1921.

Proof coins are no longer minted.

The Stone Mountain Memorial coin was also issued in memory of the late President Harding.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1925.

Mailad Service, Inc.,
342 Second Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 16, please be advised that this office has no way of knowing the number of dimes in the various banks throughout the country. The stock of dimes in the mints is being constantly renewed by coinage and there is practically no fixed stock on hand.

I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which contains a table showing the number of coins struck, by denominations, since the establishment of the mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of October 15, in which you request documentary evidence under seal, or certificate from Government contracting officer that he has satisfied himself as to the authority of corporate officer or agent to execute contract entered into by the Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office, Boise, Idaho, with the Idaho Laundry (Civil Division No. 66388), I have to submit the following:

There is enclosed a letter from the Assayer in Charge, C. L. Longley, dated November 12, 1925, stating he has satisfied himself as to authority of the contracting officer to act. Your attention, however, is called to the statement of the Assayer in Charge that the Idaho Laundry is not a corporation.

Will you please advise this Bureau whether or not the requirements have been satisfied in this contract.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint. GR

November 17, 1925.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts at the mints during the month of October, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

| | Fine ounces |
|---|---|
| Domestic crude silver . . . . . . . . . | 55,295.35 |
| Foreign crude silver . . . . . . . . . | 290,678.58 |
| Foreign silver coin . . . . . . . . . | 6,546.89 |

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 17, 1925.

Survey Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of October, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

| | Fine ounces |
|---|---|
| Unrefined domestic gold . . . . . . | 128,030.180 |
| " " silver . . . . . | 55,295.35 |

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1925.

Mr. George T. Clark, Librarian,
Stanford University Library,
Stanford University, California.

Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date I regret to advise you that this Bureau has not available for distribution copies of the publications requested by you, entitled. "Laws of the United States Relating to Coinage" and "Regulations for the Transaction of Business at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1925.

Mrs. Ida May Martel,
326 West Park Avenue,
Tampa, Florida.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 15 please be advised that the Government does not purchase gold in the form of ore. Gold bullion is purchased when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value, which is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1925.

Mr. I. M. Gordon, Cashier,
Bank of Pilot Mountain,
Pilot Mountain, North Carolina.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you forward the specimen to the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D. The card enclosed indicates the charges imposed for assays.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1925.

Mr. V. H. Rathsack,
3118 Leavenworth St.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 15 I take pleasure in advising you that the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1925 will be released about December 10, when a copy will be immediately mailed to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1925.

Mr. L. A. Scardefield, Librarian,
Alexander Hamilton Institute,
Astor Place, New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 17 I take pleasure in advising you that the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1925 will be released about December 10, when a copy will be immediately mailed to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1925.

Mr. Walter F. Dantzscher,
The Gilliams Service and Associated News Bureau,
32 Union Square, East,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 16 I regret to advise you that this Bureau is not in position to assist you by furnishing details and photographs regarding the work of the United States Mints. The Government carefully avoids describing the methods employed by the mints in the manufacture of money, and Department regulations prohibit the photographing of mint machinery.

For information regarding the manufacture of paper money I would suggest that you address the Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 19, 1925.

Mr. Winfield Scott Runde,
5845 Chabot Court,
Oakland, California.

Sir:

Your letter of recent date addressed to the War Department, relative to bronze medals of the Presidents, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I take pleasure in enclosing a circular covering the coins and medals of the United States, which contains a list of Presidential medals on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for which application should be made to the Superintendent of that institution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1925.

Mr. Richard J. Wendt,
2437 Homer Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 16 please be advised that application should be made to the Sesquicentennial International Exposition, Philadelphia, Pa., for the special coins to be struck commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence sometime during the coming year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1925.

Mr. Roland B. Burnham, Asst. Treasurer,
Nashua Trust Company,
Nashua, New Hampshire.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 17 enclosing fragments of a ten-cent piece. These pieces, on examination, have been found to be counterfeit and have therefore been surrendered to the Secret Service Division, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1925.

Mr. Nicholas Botti,
509 Greenwood Ave.,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir;

Replying to your letter of November 17 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1925.

Colonel H. C. Smithers,
Chief Coordinator,
Room 217, Arlington Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Smithers:

Replying to your letter of November 18 relative to the doors of the Mint at Carson City, please be advised that these doors could be removed from the mint without inconvenience to that office. I am, however, without authority to authorize their removal. I have referred your letter to the Supervising Architect, that officer having jurisdiction over any structual change in public buildings, also being custodian of locks, safes and vaults.

I have advised the Supervising Architect that there is no objection on the part of this Bureau to relinquishing the doors to your service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1925.

Federal Reserve Bank,
Richmond,
Virginia.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find Government Bill of Lading covering shipment of $20,000 in cents from U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond. Kindly fill in the weight in space provided for same in "Consignee's Certificate of Delivery" at the bottom of the form, and return to this office so that voucher may be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 19, 1925.

Mr. C. L. Ross, Cashier,
The First National Bank,
Ferrum, Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 18 please be advised that no Liberty Head nickels were coined in 1913. The design referred to was discontinued in 1912, and all nickels struck in 1913 were of the Buffalo design.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1926.

Varcraft Works, Inc.,
November 20, 1925.
Keim & Cross Sts., Pottstown, Pa.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8570 | 4 (ee) Black Paint, ready mixed | 1 | gal. | 1.85 | 1 85 |

Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1926.

Standard Plate Glass Company, November 20, 1925.

719 Seventh St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8520 | (a) Bronze, Aluminum | 1 | lb. | .67 | 67 |
| 8530 | (a) Bronzing liquid | 1 | pt. | .24 | 24 |

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Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1926.

Hugh Reilly Company,

November 20, 1925.

1334 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

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Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1925.

Chief, Transportation Division,
General Accounting Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your letter of November 17, 1925, addressed to the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, concerning American Railway Express Company bill of lading No. 497532, August 29th, covering two boxes of #4 coin bags shipped to the Storekeeper, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., has been referred to this office.

In reply please be advised that the coin bags in question were empty, new bags, having been manufactured at the Philadelphia Mint and sold to the Treasury Department for use by the Treasurer of the United States.

It is understood that the transportation charges on the bags in question are payable from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 20, 1925.

Mr. Ralph Granley,
Williamstown, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 19, I have to submit the following:

There are three coinage mints in the United States, located at Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco. The mint at New Orleans is now operated as an assay office, coinage activities having been discontinued at that institution in April, 1909.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1925.

Mr. H. W. Collingwood, Editor,
The Rural New-Yorker,
333 West 30th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

I am returning herewith letter from Mrs. Wm. C. Howell forwarded with your letter of November 19. We are unable to identify the coin described by Mrs. Howell.

As you are aware, the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not pass upon questions of numismatics. As os possible assistance to you; I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1925.

Mr. A. E. Ayres,
Jewett Brothers & Jewett,
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 17 please be advised that designs for the coin commemorating the Battle of Bennington and independence of Vermont have not yet been submitted to the Treasury Department. It is expected that the coin will be struck in the coming year.

As you are aware, the Treasury Department does not distribute special coins, and you should make application to the Bennington Battle Monmment and Historical Association, Bennington, Vermont, for these pieces.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1925.

Mr. V. H. Whitbeck,
Clarksville, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 17 please be advised that data on the production of precious metals is contained in the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint. These reports are on sale at the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at a nominal price. I regret that we have no copies available for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1925.

39 South La Salle St.,
Room 201,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Your communications, addressed to Mr. George E. Roberts, have been coming to this Bureau for some time. Mr. Roberts has been Vice-President of the National City Bank of New York for the past several years, and while your letters have been forwarded we are of the opinion you would be glad to have your addressograph corrected.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1925.

Mrs. E. B. Nelson,
312½ First Avenue,
Pratt City, Alabama.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins.

I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1925.

Mr. Geo. A. Brockington, Secretary,
American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

I have your letter of November 19 relative to adjustment in connection with sale of 250,000 ounces of silver on September 3, 1925.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, for appropriate action.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1935.

Mr. Robert Mayer,
Provident Trust Company,
1508 Chestnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 19 please be advised that application for Stone Mountain coins should be addressed to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Grant Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1925.

Mr. Marshall Barmum,
Barston Company,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 18 please be advised that the Mints purchase silver only in the form of bullion. This metal is purchased in the open market on competitive bids, and only in large quantities.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 23, 1925.

Mr. E. T. Shosler, Accountant,
The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co.,
Toronto, Canada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 19 I take pleasure in enclosing two copies of Department Circular No. 1, one issued July 1, and the other October 1. The office having in charge the mailing of the circular has had attention called to your letter, and it is hoped the circular will reach you promptly in the future.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 23, 1925.

Dr. J. C. Early,
4754 Washington Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 19 please be advised that the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia purchases gold dental scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. The gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Small quantities are not purchased by the mint, and no allowance is made for platinum.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 23, 1925.

Mr. C. L. Corty,
136 N. McMillan St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 19, and have to advise you that the Government is not in position to consider your suggestion in regard to a process for hardening copper.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 23, 1925.

Dr. Lee B. Schrader,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 19, together with package said to contain scrap gold. As there is no place in Washington where such purchases are made by the Government I have today forwarded your deposit to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, and have requested that officer to communicate with you directly regarding the same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 23, 1925.

Mr. Patric Stack,
Union, Oregon.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the assay offices of the United States where such work is done.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 23, 1925.

Mr. S. A. Cudmore,
Editor, Canada Year Book,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 20 I take pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover an advance copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint. The Report is not to be released before December 10, and the copy is forwarded with the understanding that the figures will be held in confidence until that date.

Respectfully,

Mary M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1925.

Professor Charles J. Bullock,
Chairman and Director,
Harvard Economic Service,
Harvard University.

Dear Dr. Bullock:

Referring to your letter of October 10, this office now takes pleasure in forwarding to you an advance copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint containing the information regarding the production of precious metals during the calendar year 1924. This Report is not to be released until December 10 and I shall appreciate your courtesy in treating it as confidential up to that date.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1925.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Attention Mr. C. W. Handy, Vice President.

Gentlemen:

I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover an advance copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, for the fiscal year 1925. The report is not to be released until December 10 and I will appreciate your courtesy in treating it as confidential up to that time.

In regard to the estimate of silver production in the United States for the calendar year 1925, and the amount of silver purchased by the Government on tenders and otherwise, I have to advise you that these figures will not be ready until late in December.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1925.

Hon. C. Hoitsema,
The Director of the Royal Mint,
Utrecht, Holland.

Sir:

In response to your request of November 9, I have today taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922 to be forwarded to you under separate cover. Your name has been placed on our mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming report when issued.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1925.

Mr. G. F. Palmer, Secretary & Treasurer,
Fort Vancouver Centennial,
Vancouver, Washington.

Sir:

I have your letter of November 14 relative to unsold souvenir half dollars. It is suggested that before considering the return of these coins to the Treasury or to the mint, an effort be made by you to place them in circulation by addressing circular letters to local banks. The coins, as you know, are legal tender for face value, the same as the regular issue of half dollars. The Treasury Department is reluctent to receive back and melt these coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly.

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1925.

Mr. Marshall Barnum,
Barston Company,
Cinsinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 18, please be advised that silver is purchased by the Government only in the form of bullion, in large quantities and in the open market on competitive bids. The mints are not in position to purchase and handle the silver ask described by you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1925.

Mr. Oscar Topez,
657 B Street,
Provo, Utah.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and no coins have been called in. The Government does not publish a list of coin dealers or collectors.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1925.

Mr. Robert Mayer,
Assistant Trust Officer,
Provident Trust Company of Philadelphia,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 19 please be advised that application for Stone Mountain memorial half dollars should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Grant Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1925.

Miss Cecile Fischer,
1925 N. Roman St.,
New Orleans, La.

Madam:

Replying to your card of November 19 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

The initials V.D.B. appearing on the bronze one-cent piece of 1909, referred to by you, are the initials of the designer of the coin, Mr. Victor D. Brenner. Several million pieces were struck bearing these initials before it was decided to discontinue their use. Initials of designers appear on many of the coins of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1925.

Mr. Alovis Schmidt,
Route No. 11,
Springfield, Ohio.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 23 in regard to a new coin to replace paper money. The Treasury Department has not under consideration the issue of new coins in lieu of paper currency now in circulation. Your interest in the matter, however, is appreciated.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1925.

Mr. Herbert O. Mitchell,
101 Pond Street,
Natick, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 23 please be advised that Congress has authorized the issue of special coins commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. These coins will be struck in the coming year. Application for the coins should be made to the Sesquicentennial International Exposition, Philadelphia, Pa., as the Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

The practice of striking proof coins was discontinued by the mints several years ago.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1925.

Mrs. P. C. Herpst,
1803 N. Western,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 13 please be advised that as the coins described by you have been mutilated their only value lies in their bullion content. Gold bullion is purchased by the mints when deposits approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Small deposits are not accepted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 25, 1925.

Mr. Ralph Williams,
1043 Greeley,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not publish a list of coin dealers and collectors.

As a possible source of information I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 25, 1925.

Mr. G. W. Countryman,
Cheney, Washington.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the assay offices of the United States where such work is done.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 25, 1925.

Mr. Hamilton Fish Armstrong,
Managing Editor, Foreign Affairs,
25 West Forty-third Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 24 I regret to advise you that this Bureau will not be able to renew its subscription to your publication.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 25, 1925.

Mr. George Putad,

Smithtown Branch, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 23 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins, which indicates the agents charged with their distribution. As you are aware, the Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1925.

Hugh Reilly Co.,
1334 New York Ave.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing Government form of voucher on which it is requested the enclosed item be rendered.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1925.

Mr. F. G. Knight,
Source Research Bureau,
77 East Monroe St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 24, please be advised that the $5.00 gold piece of 1843 did not have the motto "E Pluribus Unum", and the motto "In God We Trust" was first placed on the coins in 1866..

I am unable to advise you what coin dealers would pay for such a coin, and would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1925.

D. A. Duplants Company,
612 Cherry Street,
Toledo, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of recent date I have taken pleasure in placing your name on our mailing list to receive a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925, which will be released for distribution December 10.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1925.

The Brookmire Economic Service, Inc.,
25 West 45th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 25 please be advised that I have taken pleasure in placing your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1925, which will be released for distribution about December 10. This report contains data on the production of gold and silver in the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1925.

Mr. John L. Polleys,
24 Lincoln Street,
Calais, Maine.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 25 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the Assay Offices of the United States where such work is done.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1925.

Mr. Frederic R. Sanborn,
Kirlin, Woolsey, Campbell, Hickox & Keating,
27 William Street,
New York City,

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 25 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins, which indicates the agents charged with their distribution. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

I am also enclosing a pamphlet relating to coins and medals of the United States which contains a list of medals which may be purchased from the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1925.

Mrs. Lucretia Johnson,
119 Richmond Ave.,
Lexington, Ky.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 22 please be advised that gold is worth $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine. The price of silver changes from day to day, and at present is worth approximately 69 per ounce, 1000 fine.

It would be impossible to give you the value of the gold and silver bars you describe without knowing the exact troy weight.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1925.

Mr. S. A. Smith,
R.F.D. No. 5,
Freeport, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of November 23 has been received and noted with interest. The Department has not under consideration the issue of a new coin in lieu of those now in circulation. As you are aware, an act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of a coin of another alloy than those now issued.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1925.

Dr. A. S. Cole,
Chisholm, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 23 please be advised that the mints purchase gold dental scrap when deposits are presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. These deposits are paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charged for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

The coinage mints are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. There is no mint in Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1925.

Mr. G. W. Vasconcellos,
3283 Beecher Ave.,
Jacksonville, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government does not undertake to pass upon the numismatic value of old coins.

As a possible source of information, I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 27, 1925.

Standard Plate Glass Company,
719 Seventh St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing Government form of voucher on which it is requested the enclosed items be rendered.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 28, 1925.

Societe Francaise de Monnayage,
11 Rue Roquepine,
Paris, France.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of November 10th addressed to me at Philadelphia has been forwarded to Washington, and I take pleasure in submitting the following relative to electric furnaces:

Two Rennerfelt furnaces of the present type were installed in the Philadelphia Mint in 1917, but have not been in operation since 1921. They were discontinued because of the high standby charge for electric current and the limited time they could be used efficiently throughout the year. The furnaces gave satisfaction in melting bronze (95% copper and 5% tin and zinc) and cupro nickel (75% copper and 25% nickel).

In the field of silver melting they were used satisfactorily in melting silver coin 900 fine and pouring into open molds of 1000 ounces to each bar. Of this class of silver bullion 1571 tons were melted. We were not satisfied to use these furnaces regularly for silver coin alloy to be poured into small bars or ingots as oxidization was difficult to control and alloying very uncertain.

Two of the Rennerfelt type furnaces are installed in the Mint at Philadelphia, one of 1000 pounds capacity, 100 K.V.A., and one of 2000 pounds capacity, 300 K.V.A. The average electric current used to each ton of 2000 pounds of coin silver melted was about 180 K.W.H.; cupro nickel about 500 K.W.H. per ton and bronze about 300 K.W.H. per ton. The consumption of electrodes was from 2½ to 4 pounds per ton melted. Linings last 1200 to 1500 heats on bronze and 800 to 1000 heats on cupro nickel. The cost of re-lining, including roof, was approximately $150. We experienced no higher loss inmelting silver in these furnance than in crucible melting.

The original Rennerfelt installation cost about $30,300.

Two Northrup furnaces were installed in the Mint at Philadelphia, and are one 16 K.W., and one 32 K.W. outfits. These furnaces were used for small deposit melting only. No alloying was done in them.

These furnaces also have been shut down since 1921 because of the high current costs. Since these furnances were installed we are informed that great advances have been made in air cooled coils being substituted for the annoying water cooled coils and doing away with the original mercury gap, simplifying details to be looked after. It is understood this is an improvement and has a great advantage.

The cost of this installation was about $10,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 28, 1925.

Mr. Thomas K. Brown, Jr.,
Managing Editor,
Winston Simplified Dictionary,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your latter of November 27 please be advised that I have taken pleasure in placing your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of Department Circular No. 1, as it is issued quarterly. A copy of the circular dated October 1, 1925, is enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 28, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of November 2, please be advised that Mr. Otto Jacobi, an employee of the United States Assay Office, New York City, has filed a bond with another company as surety to supersede your company's bond dated October 29, 1921. Mr. Jacobi's new bond was approved November 19, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 30, 1925.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please find herewith cash in the amount of $2.40, which amount I will thank you to place to the credit of the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Office Director of the Mint, 1926" by reason of refund of excess amount payable for Pullman accommodations secured on Government transportation requests over the amount properly chargeable, traveler having used other than direct route.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 30, 1925.

Mr. E. Reinick,
636 Knickerbocker St.,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you and have to advise that mints are not in position to handle small deposits of this nature. The Government purchases gold jewelry scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. These deposits are paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Small deposits are not purchased.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 30, 1925.

Mrs. A. B. Hill,
Lowe Mill, 24,
Huntsville, Ala.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 25 please be advised that this Bureau is not in position to pass upon the value of the jewelry you describe. The mints purchase gold jewelry scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate $100 in value. These deposits are paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Small deposits are not accepted.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 30, 1925.

Mr. Al. Clark,
R.F.D. No 5, Box 46,
Humboldt, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 24 please be advised that the Government does not undertake to investigate prospective gold and silver mines, and therefore cannot comply with your request.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 30, 1925.

Mr. Joe Williams,

Shouns, Tennessee.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the assay offices of the United States where such work is done by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 30, 1925.

Hon. Francisco Sanchez Latour,
Minister of Guatemala,
1521 New Hampshire Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing correspondence you left with me on Saturday, together with translation of the same. I wish you would be kind enough to compare the translation with the original and let me know if you wish to make any changes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1925.

Mr. Leland Scrogin, Vice President,
First National Bank of Pratt,
Pratt, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 28 please be advised that coins are milled to prevent fraudulent reduction in weight by shaving the edges, and also as a means of protecting the coins from wear.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1925.

Miss A. Inez Ely,
226 St. James Place,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 28 please be advised that coins are not segregated by years in the mints or in the Treasury Department. It will therefore not be possible for this Bureau to supply you with one cent pieces of the dates you mention. One cent pieces were struck in 1922 at the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

I have placed your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming report of the Director of the Mint, which contains a table of coinage by years since the establishment of the mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
FR

December 1, 1925.

Mr. D. C. Savage, Asst. Cashier,
The Central National Bank,
Marietta, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 27 please be advised that application for the Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary half dollar should be made to the Fifth National Bank, New York City, the agents charged with the distribution of these coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1925.

Mrs. W. K. Henderson,
1624 Fairfiedd Avenue,
Shreveport, La.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 27 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins, which indicates the agents charged with their distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1925.

Mrs. B. C. Curry,
416 North Walnut St.,
Bloomington, Indiana.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 29 please be advised that the Government purchases silver only in large quantities, in the open market, on competitive bids. The mints are not in the market for small quantities of silver scrap. Silver was quoted on Nov. 30 at 69¼¢ per ounce.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1925.

Mr. O. Earle Karickhoff,
Box 405,
Buckhannon, West Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 30 please be advised that I have taken pleasure in causing your name to be placed on our mailing list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925, which will be issued December 10.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1925.

Mr. R. A. Moser,
Blue Rapids,
Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 28 please be advised that when gold coins leave the mint they contain the exact amount in gold represented by the face value of the coin.

The price of gold is fixed at $20.67 plus, per ounce, 1000 fine. and the price does not fluctuate.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

JR

December 1, 1925.

Mr. J. C. King,
230 Center St.,
Sandusky, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 30 please be advised that five, ten and twenty dollar gold pieces to the value indicated below were struck in 1879:

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| Double Eagles | ($20) . . | $28,889,260 |
| Eagles | ($10) . . | 6,120,320 |
| Half Eagles | ($5 ) . . | 3,727,155 |

The mints do not segregate coins by years, and I am unable to advise you where specimens of the above coinage might be obtained.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1925.

Marsh & McLennan,
80 Maiden Lane,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 30 please be advised that the shipment of November 7 to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, report of which was rendered to you, covered gold to the value of $4,405 and silver valued at $125.90.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1925.

Hon. Francisco Sanchez Latour,
Minister of Guatemala,
1521 New Hampshire Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your recent visit at this office, at which time you left correspondence relative to proposed coinage for your Government, I beg to submit the following:

It is estimated that the coinage requested could be undertaken at the following rates:

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| 3,000 | 20 Quetzal pieces | . . . . . | $25.00 per thousand pieces |
| 6,000 | 10 " " | . . . . . | 18.00 " " " |
| 16,000 | 5 " " | . . . . . | 11.00 " " " |

It is understood that the diameter of the 20 quetzal piece shall be 34 MM and it shall weigh 33.437 grams and contain 30.0933 grams of pure gold; that the diameter of the 10 quetzal piece shall be 27 MM and it shall weigh 16.7185 grams and contain 15.04665 grams of pure gold; that the diameter of the 5 quetzal piece shall be 22 MM and it shall weigh 8.3592 grams and contain 7.523325 grams of pure gold; that the fineness of the coin shall be 900 with a limit of tolerance of one and one half thousandths. It is also understood that the dies shall be the same as those of the silver one, one-half and one-quarter quetzal with changes in inscription to denote the denomination of the gold coin. While it is not stated in the specifications, it is assumed that the tolerance in weights are the same as those of the United States.

The coinage will require 9,675.00 fine ounces of gold which must be furnished by the Government of Guatemala.

The charge for master dies and hubs will be $300 per paid for each denomination and $50 for each segment required to place the lettering on the edge of the coin. This price will also apply to the charge for dies for the five and ten centavo silver pieces.

The coinage charges quoted include working dies, copper used in alloying and loss in metal incident to melting and coining operations, but does not include containers necessary in packing.

It is stated in the letter of the Minister of Finance that these gold coins and all the remaining coins that are being made should have an edge or a border all around like the United States coins. It is respectfully requested that additional information be furnished as to just what changes are desired on the edge of the coins.

Before this coinage is undertaken at the mint it would be necessary to have the request come from you through the State Department to the Secretary of the Treasury in the usual manner.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1925.

Accountant,
The Manufactures Life Insurance Company,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 28, 1925, concerning the value of the British Indian rupee as quoted in our circular "Values of Foreign Coins."

By reference to the circular you will note that the quotation given is for the silver rupee, it being valued on the same basis as that used for other silver currencies, that is, the silver bullion content of the coin taken at the average price of silver for the preceding three months.

The law does not decree that a certain number of rupees is equivalent to one pound sterling, but that ten rupees are the equivalent of one sovereign (gold). It is understood that this ratio is actually used only in certain governmental accounts, and that the actual currency value of the rupee is more nearly in conformity with the old ratio of 15 to the pound sterling. With the silver rupee and half-rupee coins full legal tender, the situation is quite anomalous.

I trust this will make clear to you the quotation as given in our circular.

More complete information concerning the change in value of the rupee may be had by referring to the Annual Reports of the Director of the Mint (U. S.) for 1919, 1920, and 1922, pages 238, 246, and 191, respectively. These reports are mailed regularly to several of the Toronto banks and to the Dominion Department of Finance.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1925.

Mr. Miles M. Shand,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 1 I take pleasure in enclosing pamphlet concerning coins and medals of the United States, which contains a list of medals on sale at the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

There is forwarded herewith for your files contract entered into by the Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho, with the Natatorium Company of that city, for the furnishing of natural hot water for heating purposes, during the current fiscal year. The contract has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1925.

Mr. R. S. Crozier,

Wappingers Falls, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 30 please be advised that the mints are not in the market for silver at the present time. I would suggest that you address bullion dealers in an effort to dispose of your silver.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1925.

Mr. C. C. Gay,
Fredericktown, Ohio.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, together with jewelry scrap forwarded by you. As there is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the Government I have today forwarded your scrap to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, and have requested that officer to communicate with directly regarding the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1925.

Mr. August Smith,
83 Lincoln Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the practice of striking proof coins was discontinued by the mints several years ago, and these sets are no longer available for distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1925.

Mr. John F. Harman,
Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 1 please be advised that the press statements to the effect that the Treasury Department is considering the issue of a coin of a denomination or composition other than those now in circulation is without basis of fact. The issue of a coin such as you describe is not under consideration by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1925.

Mr. E. A. Horne,
6025 Helen Ave.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Your letter of November 9 addressed to the Bureau of Mines has been referred to this office for attention.

The mints purchase gold jewelry and dental scrap when deposits are made in an amount sufficient to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Such deposits are paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Small deposits are not accepted, and no allowance is made for platinum.

The price of gold is fixed at $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1925.

Mr. W. S. Watson,
101 34th Street,
West New York P.O., New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your card of December 2 I have taken pleasure in placing your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925. This Report will be issued December 10.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1925.

Mr. Edward L. Morris,
53 Hancock Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of November 30, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau, and has been read with interest.

The press statements to the effect that the Treasury Department is considering the issue of a new coin such as you describe are without any basis of fact. As you are aware, no change can be made in the design or composition of coins without authority from Congress, and the Department has no intention of requesting Congress to authorize the issue of a coin of a composition other than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1925.

Mr. O. L. Caldwell,
Tram, Floyd County,
Kentucky.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the assay offices of the United States where such work is done.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1925.

Mr. John P. Hunter, Treasurer,
Permatype Company,
Newark, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 2 I take pleasure in forwarding to you herewith a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World". This pamphlet was issued in 1916 and is the latest edition available.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1925.

Dr. S. Whatley,
[illegible] East Michigan Ave.,
Lansing, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 1 please be advised that the coinage of $1.00 gold pieces was discontinued in 1889, and there are none of these coins in the Treasury Department nor in the mints.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1925.

Franklyn Hobbs Company,
105 South La Salle St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 2nd I have taken pleasure in placing your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925. The Report will be issued December 10.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1925.

Miss Ethel S. Stasburg,
The Home Bank and Trust Co.,
Toledo, Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 2 please be advised that application for the Stone Mountain coins should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Grant Building, Atlanta, Georgia. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1925.

Mr. Paul M. Stofer,
Park Lane Villa Hotel,
Park Lane & E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 2 please be advised that the Government carefully avods describing the methods employed in the manufacture of coins. As of possible assistance to you I am enclosing mimeographed pamphlets describing the monetary system of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1925.

Honorable Thomas J. Walsh,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Walsh:

I have your letter of December 2 relative to proposed new coin to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

All recent acts authorizing the issue of special coins have carried a provision that the Government "shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for the coinage". For this reason it would be necessary for the association interested in the issue of the coin to submit to the Department for approval the design desired. The association would be required to secure the artist and pay the cost of having the design prepared. The Mint would, therefore, not be in position to take any preliminary action pending the enactment of legislation.

I might suggest, however, that the Fine Arts Commission could be requested by the association interested to submit to them a list of artists who might be willing to prepare designs for such a coin should legislation be enacted authorizing the issue.

I trust you will not deem it inappropriate for me to say in this letter that the Department is very strongly opposed to the issue of special coins. Recent issues have been, almost without exception, entire failures as a source of profit to the organizations bringing about the legislation. So many special coins have been issued within the last few years that the public is in no way interested in them or impressed by them. I might say for your confidential information that the last coin issued, that for the Fort Vancouver celebration, was an absolute failure. Of the 300,000 pieces authorized by Congress only 50,000 were minted at the request of the association, and of this number the Department is now advised there are more than half on hand unsold, and the association has asked to have the mints receive them back and melt them.

As of possible interest to you I am enclosing copy of a letter addressed by the Secretary of the Treasury to Honorable Robert Luce, House of Representatives, under date of January 21, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1925.

United States Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

In order that the field institutions of the Mint Service may be supplied with a copy of your Retirement Circular No. 35, "Retirement age of employees operating labor saving devices," this Bureau will greatly appreciate receiving 12 copies for distribution.

Respectfully,

R J Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1925.

Mr. Haskius Smalls,

Walterboro, S.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 3 please be advised that the Government does not investigate mining claims or finance these undertakings. Assays of ore for gold and silver are made at the assay offices indicated on the card enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1925.

Mr. C. L. Rupright,
P. O. Box 123,
Findlay, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 2 please be advised that the coinage of $1.00 gold pieces was discontinued by act of Congress in 1889. There are none of these coins in the mints and none in the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Collect

Washington,
December 5, 1925.

2—4347

Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation,
37 Wall Street,
New York City.

Replying telegram fourth shipment by registered mail entirely under jurisdiction Postoffice Treasury Department not in position to take action

Grant
Director Mint

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
COMMERCIAL RATES.
COLLECT.

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Departmental Stock Form 2129.

December 5, 1925.

Miss Florence Wilkins,
Barneveld High School,
Barneveld, Wisconsin.

Madam:

Your letter of November 24 addressed to the Government Printing Office has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925, which will be released for distribution December 10. Additional copies of this publication may be secured from the Government Printing Office at 45¢ a copy.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1925.

Mr. Frank Stofka,
5729 Flowerdale Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 28 please be advised that no Liberty head nickels were coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

R J Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

December 5, 1925.

Miss Cecelia Klein,
217 Osborne Terrace,
Newark, New Jersey.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 25 please be advised that the Government avoids publishing information describing the methods employed in the manufacture of coins. I have forwarded to you under separate cover information concerning the monetary system of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

MR

December 5, 1925.

Section of Foreign Mineral Reserves,
United States Geological Survey,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am forwarding to you herewith certain reports prepared under the direction of the Inspector General of Bridges and Highways and of Public Works in the French Colonies. The reports referred to reached this Bureau and the Treasury Department is advised by the Department of State that they are required by your Service. They are therefore being forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

RJ Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

O.R

December 5, 1925.

Funk & Wagnalls Company,
354 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 4 I take pleasure in enclosing two copies of the circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins", and have placed your name on our mailing list to receive a copy of this circular as it is issued quarterly.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1925.

Mr. Geo. W. Lee, Librarian,
Stone & Webster,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 3 please be advised that I have taken pleasure in placing the name of Mr. L. P. Edwards on our mailing list to receive a copy of our quarterly circular "Value of Foreign Coins" as issued.

In accordance with your request I am enclosing copies of the above circular covering the calendar years 1924 and 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 7, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 11 please be advised that Cornelius R. Phillips, an employee of the United States Assay Office, New York City, filed a new bond with your company as surety, which was approved by the Secretary's Office under date of December 3, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 7, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of November 11, please be advised that Martin C. Palmer an employee of the United States Assay Office, New York City, filed a bond with another company dated November 25, which was approved by the Secretary's Office under date of December 2, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1925.

Miss Mary Dunham, Librarian,
Smith College Library,
Northampton, Massachusetts.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 4 the following is submitted as to designers of coins:

The $20.00 and $10.00 gold pieces were designed by Augustus Saint Gaudens. The $5.00 and $2.50 gold pieces were designed by Bela L. Pratt.

The silver dollar was designed to Anthony de Francisci; the half dollar and dime by Adolph A. Weinman; the quarter dollar by Hermon A. MacNeil. The five cent piece was designed by James E. Fraser, and the one cent piece by Victor D. Brenner.

The special coins listed below were designed by the following artists:

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|---|---|
| Maine Memorial coin - | Anthony de Francisci |
| Pilgrim Tercentenary - | Cyrus E. Dallin |
| Missouri half dollar - | Robert Aitken |
| Alabama " " - | Mrs. Laura Gardin Fraser |
| Stone Mountain " " - | Gutzon Borglum |
| California half " - | Joseph Mori |
| Vancouver " " - | Mrs. Laura Gardin Fraser |

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1925.

Mr. Geo. A. Newark,
Harbor Springs, Mich.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 4 please be advised that the newspaper statements to the effect that the Treasury Department contemplates the issue of new coins in lieu of paper currency is without fundation of fact. The Treasury Department is not considering the issue of such a coin, and in any event could not issue a coin such as you describe without authority from Congress.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1925.

Mr. Raymond Bowden,
Manson, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recnet date please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not publish a list of coin dealers or collectors. Inasmuch as the coin you describe has been mutilated it is believed to possess no value as a rare coin.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 8, 1925.

Mrs. C. G. Herb,
P. O. Box 192,
Wernersville, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 30 please be advised that the only five-cent pieces issued in 1913 were those of the Buffalo type.

The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins and does not publish a list of coin dealers or collectors.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 7, 1925.

Mr. John Walton Pace, Cashier,
First National Bank,
Troup, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 3 please be advised that there were 24 dimes coined at the Sam Francisco Mint in 1894.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1925.

Mr. Charles Wilbur,
Henere, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 5 please be advised that the Treasury Department has not under consideration the issue of a new coin in lieu of paper currency. As you are aware, an act of Congress is required to authorize the issue of a coin of another denomination or composition than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 8, 1925.

Mr. Bryan Kelly,
Mountain Home,
Elmore County, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 4 please be advised that the silver dollar weighs 412.50 grains, and contains 371.25 grains of pure silver.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 9, 1925.

Mr. Geo. W. Harmon,
329 No. 5th St.,
Oxnard, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 3 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. The design adopted in 1921 for the standard silver dollar is the current design of that piece and cannot be changed before the expiration of twenty five years from date of adoption except by act of Congress.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 9, 1925.

Mr. L. E. Delson,
Central Advertising Company,
30 North La Salle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 5 please be advised that the series of Presidential medals in bronze, 29 in number, may be purchased from the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. These medals are sold for $1.00 each, plus postage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 9, 1925.

Mr. August Smith,
83 Lincoln Street,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 7 please be advised that coins are not segregated by years in the mints, and in any event the mints are without authority to pay out coins except on order of the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 9, 1925.

Mr. George L. Crawford,
10626 Elgin Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

I have your letter of December 5 requesting to be recommended for appointment as a member of the Annual Assay Commission. At this time I am not in position to state the plans of the Department in regard to recommending to the President appointments on the Assay Commission. I regret that I cannot give you more definite assurance.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 9, 1925.

Honorable James W. Wadsworth, Jr.,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Wadsworth:

I have for acknowledgment reference of correspondence from Mr. S. W. Brown, of North Tonawanda, New York, who requests appointment as a member of the Annual Assay Commission.

I am not able at this time to state the policy of the Department in regard to the list to be submitted to the President for appointment. Should it be found possible to again place Mr. Brown on the list I shall be glad to advise you later.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 9, 1925.

Mrs. M. E. Lee,
Route 1,
Hurry Cross, Alabama.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 3 please be advised that this office has no information regarding deposits made by individuals at the United States Mints and Assay Offices. The Government does not purchase gold in the form of ore, and gold bullion is purchased only when the deposit approximates or exceeds $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 9, 1925.

Honorable Charles J. Esterly,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Esterly:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 8 enclosing a communication from Mr. Joe H. Hart, President of the Allentown Flag Day Association, regarding the minting of a silver half dollar coin to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of our national emblem.

Should such a coin be authorized it would be necessary for the association interested in the issue of the coin to submit to the Department for approval the design desired. The association would be required to secure the artist and pay the cost of having the design prepared.

I trust you will not deem it inappropriate for me to say in this letter that the Department is very strongly opposed to the issue of special coins. Recent issues have been, almost without exception, entire failures as a source of profit to the organization bringing about the legislation. So many special coins have been issued within the last few years that the public is in no way interested in them or impressed by them. I might say for your confidential information that the last coin issued, that for the Fort Vancouver celebration, was an absolute failure. Of the 300,000 pieces authorized by Congress only 50,000 were minted at the request of the association, and of this number the Department is now informed there are about 35,000 on hand unsold, and the association has asked to have the mints receive them back and melt them.

As of possible interest to you I am enclosing copy of a letter addressed by the Secretary of the Treasury to Hon. Robert Luce, House of Representatives, under date of January 21, 1925.

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R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Respectfully

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1925.

Mr. D. P. Eastin, Cashier,
Union Bank & Trust Company,
Lexington, Kentucky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 7 please be advised if you will forward the bar of gold you have to the United States Mint at Denver, the United States Mint at Philadelphia, or the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, the Superintendent of either of these institutions will purchase the same; the bar to be sent at your expense and risk.

We will not be able to purchase from you the silver bar to which you refer, for the reason that the Treasury Department is not at this time in the market for silver bullion. The only silver bullion now being purchased is that contained in gold deposits.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1925.

Query Editor,
P. O. Box 1207,
City Hall Station,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 8 I take pleasure in enclosing copy of Department Circular No. 1, "Value of Foreign Coins", October 1, 1925. Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of this circular as issued.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1925.

Mr. Herbert T. Wade, Editor,
The New International Encyclopaedia,
10 East 43rd St.,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 9 please be advised that I have taken pleasure in placing your name on the list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925. The report will be released for distribution December 12.

Your name has also been placed on the list to receive future copies of this report.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1925.

Mr. N. C. Davis,
Tallulah Falls Industrial School,
Tallulah Falls, Georgia.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 9 together with coin forwarded by you. A visual examination would indicate that the coin is not gold. However, it has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States and that officer will advise you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

For

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1925.

Mr. J. E. Garver,
Box 249,
Dodge City, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 8 please be advised that application for service medals should be made to the Adjutant General of the Army, War Department, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1925.

Mr. B. A. Wickstrom, Cashier,
Pioneer National Bank,
Ladysmith, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 8 please be advised that the newspaper statements to the effect that the Treasury Department has under consideration the issue of a new coin in lieu of paper currency are without fundation of fact. The Treasury Departments does not contemplate the issue of a new coin, and in any event such a coin as you describe could not be issued without an act of Congress.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Fo R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

December 11, 1925.

Mr. J. W. Howard,
Custer, Michigan.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the dime forwarded by you and have to advise that the absence of a mint mark on the coin indicates that it was struck at the United States Mint in Philadelphia. Coins struck at the Mint in San Francisco bear the mint mark "S", while those struck at the Denver Mint bear the letter "D". Coins struck at the Mint in Philadelphia are recognized by the absence of a mint mark.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

For R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1925.

The Director,
Bureau of Standards,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This Bureau is forwarding today, by registered mail, a package containing three cases of weights kept specifically for use of the Assay Commission which meets in the Mint at Philadelphia on the second Wednesday in February. Will you please cause the weights to be compared with the legal standard and returned to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1925.

Mr. Howard Liddell, Cashier,
The Louisville Home Bank,
Louisville, Mississippi.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 9, together with mutilated $5.00 gold piece. Your coin has been turned over to the office of the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1925.

Mr. William Davey Bence,
c/o Putman Avenue School,
Whitneyville, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date I take pleasure in enclosing an excerpt from the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals", regarding the use of the motto "E Pluribus Unum" on the coins of the United States. The publication referred to is on sale at the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at $1.00 a copy, plus postage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1925.

Mr. Harold Bloce,
Alexander Hamilton Institute,
Astor Place,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 11 please be advised that I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1925.

Mr. J. F. Trinig,
Merrilan, Wisconsin.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the assay offices of the United States where assays are made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1925.

Mr. Roy Davidson,
Central Senior High School,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 10 I have taken pleasure in requesting the Superintendent of Documents to forward to you a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1925, which contains the information requested in your letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1925.

Mr. J. S. Yeats,
622 W. Sedgwick St.,
Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Yeats:

I have your letter of December 12 requesting permission for Mr. Wm. M. Canby and family to visit the mint. The Bureau would like very much to accede to your request because of your association with the Mint Service for several years, but we are not in position to waive the Department order which closed all of the mints to visitors. The Bureau has been obliged to deny all requests from whatever source that visitors be permitted to enter the mints.

I regret that it is not possible to act favorably on your request.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1925.

Mrs. Geo. S. Freer,
3 Royce Ave.,
Middletown, New York.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 11, please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not publish a list of coin dealers.

As a possible source of information I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1925.

Mr. Gilbert Kick,

North Canton, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 11 please be advised that silver dollars have been struck at the mints of the United States each year since 1921.

I am enclosing mimeographed circulars covering the monetary system of the United States, which will cover the subject matter of your inquiry concerning paper currency.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1925.

Mr. J. E. McDonald,
30 N. La Salle St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I am returning herewith $1.00 forwarded with your letter of December 12, and have to advise you that the Presidential medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each, plus postage. Application should be made to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1925.

Miss Eleanor Fish,
213 Liberty Street,
Bath, New York.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 12 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, purchases gold scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Small deposits of gold are not purchased. Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

The Government is not in the market at this time for silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1925.

Mr. R. Nagle,
413 Spruce Avenue,
Altoona, Penna.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 30 please be advised that the Treasury Department has not under consideration the coining of a new dollar containing gold and silver. Newspaper statements to the effect that such a coin is to be issued are without any basis of fact. It would require an act of Congress to authorize the issue of a coin of another denomination or composition than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1925.

Mr. Wilbur Summers,
610 North 16th St.,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 26 please be advised that the letter referred to by you in the motto on the silver dollar is a "U". Artists very often adopt the "V" form when executing the letter "U". The quarter dollar of current design is referred to as an example of this practice.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1925.

Honorable Frank B. Willis,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Willis:

Your letter of December 12 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending the appointment on the Annual Assay Commission of Mr. Judson Brenner of Youngstown, Ohio, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I am not able at this time to state the policy of the Department in regard to the list to be submitted to the President for appointment. Should it be found possible to again place Mr. Brenner on the list I shall be glad to advise you later.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 14, 1925.

Hon. Richard Yates,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Yates:

Replying to your letter of December 11, which has been referred to this Bureau by the Secretary of the Treasury, please be advised that the act approved March 17, 1924 authorized the coinage of fifty-cent pieces to commemorate the commencement of work on the Stone Mountain memorial. Under authority of this act coins have been struck and delivered to the association having in charge their distribution.

The Stone Mountain coins carry representations of General Robert E. Lee and General Jackson. The likeness of Jefferson Davis does not appear on the coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find bullion deposit certificate #2789, #2948, #2995, and #3005 for filing with the accounts of Niles R. Becker, Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York, N. Y., for the month of September, 1925.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1925.

The Central Railroad Company of New Jersey,
Jersey City, N. J.

Sirs:

Re. Vo. 140600/25 Treasury Dept.

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant please be advised that the bill in question was forwarded to the General Accounting Office, by this Bureau on October 26th last, for settlement. Your communication of November 24th, addressed to this Bureau requesting information as to the status of this bill was also forwarded to the General Accounting Office for their information and action. The account has not yet been settled.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1925.

Mr. R. B. Garrett,
    Keyser, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 11 please be advised that the fractional gold coins referred to by you were struck and circulated by private parties in California prior to the establishment of the Mint at San Francisco. The manufacture and circulation of these coins were illegal and their issue was suppressed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1925.

Mr. Quentin Schiewe,
309 W. Liberty St.,
Rome, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 8 please be advised that the coinage mints of the United States are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. Coinage operations at the mints in Carson City, Nevada, and New Orleans, Louisiana, have been discontinued for several years, and these two institutions are now conducted as assay offices. Other assay offices of the United states are located at New York City, Deadwood, S.D., Helena, Mont., Boise, Idaho, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1925.

Mrs. A. W. Jones,
50 Academy Street,
Hallowell, Maine.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that no Liberty Head nickels were coined in 1913. All nickels coined in that year were of the Buffalo design.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1925.

Mr. Ernest Cortrecht,
1427 Park Avenue,
Alexandria, Louisiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 10 please be advised that there is no instrument known to science which will discover burried treasure.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1925.

Mr. C. W. Handy, Vice President,
Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 15 I take pleasure in forwarding to you herewith a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1925.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1925.

Mr. A. M. Paget,
The International Engineering Company, Inc.,
250 Park Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 14 relative to coinage for the Government of Siam, please be advised that it would be possible for the Mint to quote you on the manufacture of this coinage but could not do so without specifications as to weight, fineness, dimensions and composition of the coin. The United States has made coins for Siam within recent years.

Of course no coinage could be undertaken at the Mint of the United States for a foreign government unless the request for such coinage came through the State Department from the duly accredited representative of the government at this Capital.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1925.

Mr. E. E. Leger,
American Express Company,
65 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of Deember 12 relative to the legal tender quality of gold certificates, please be advised that the Act of December 24, 1919 made gold certificates legal tender.

I am glad to forward to you a copy of a pamphlet issued by this Bureau entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World". No later edition than the one being sent has been published.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1925.

Mr. Donald C. Meeker,
105 Hudson St.,
Jersey City, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of Decemver 15 please be advised that the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, coined one-cent pieces in 1922. While the Mints do not segregate coins by years it may be possible for you to secure a specimen of this coinage by addressing the Superintendent of the Denver Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1925.

Mr. Prescott Keyes,
Concord National Bank,
Concord, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Keyes:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 15, and yesterday's telegram, relative to the withdrawal of the Lexington-Concord coins which were held at the Mint in Philadelphia. As you now no doubt know, the Mint delivered the coins to the bank on the 9th.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1925.

Mr. Charles R. Woodbury,
65 Maryland Avenue,
Manchester, N.H.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 14 please be advised that the newspaper statements to the effect that the Government is about to issue a new coin in lieu of paper currency are without any foundation of fact. As you are aware, an act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of a coin of another denomination or composition than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1925.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts at the mints during the month of November, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

| | Fine ounces |
|---|---|
| Domestic crude silver . . . . . . . . | 75,618.00 |
| Foreign crude silver . . . . . . . . | 165,971.61 |
| " silver coin . . . . . . . . . | 736.28 |

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 17, 1925.

Survey Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of November, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

| | Fine ounces |
|---|---|
| Unrefined domestic gold . . . . . . . . | 102,641.471 |
| " " silver . . . . . . | 75,618.00 |

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 18, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of November 13 please be advised that the bond of Mr. Douglas Allison, an employee of the United States Assay Office, New York City, dated November 9, 1925, with your company as surety, has been approved by the Secretary's office under date of December 12, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of November 16 please be advised that the bond of Mr. William H. Keen, an employee of the United States Assay Office, New York City, dated November 9, 1925, with your company as surety, has been approved by the Secretary's office under date of December 12, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of November 16 please be advised that the bond of Mr. Edwin T. Bothner, an employee of the United States Assay Office, New York City, dated November 10, 1925, with your company as surety, has been approved by the Secretary's office under date of December 12, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1925.

Mr. F. H. So,
Drake University,
Durham, North Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 16 I have requested the Superintendent of Documents to forward to you a copy of the last annual Report of the Director of the Mint, and am forwarding under separate cover pamphlets and circulars covering the operations of the United States Mints.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1925.

Mr. R. W. Edmonds,
U. S. Smelting & Refining Co.,
55 Congress Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 17 I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1925 to be forwarded to you under separate cover.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 19, 1925.

Mr. Daniel Van Alst,

Wallkill, Ulster County, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 16 please be advised that one-cent pieces were struck at the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, in 1922. While the Mints do not segregate coins by years it may be possible for you to obtain specimens of this coinage by addressing the Superintendent of the above institution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 19, 1925.

Mr. Raymond E. Beeson,
126 Topeka Avenue,
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 16 I have taken pleasure in requesting the Government Printing Office to forward to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925, which contains a table of coinage by mints during the past ten years.

The practice of striking proof coins was discontinued several years ago, and sets are not longer obtainable.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 19, 1925.

Miss Emma Henderson,
R.F.D. No. 1,
Tallula, Illinois.

Madam:

I am returning $1.00 forwarded with your letter of December 14 and have to advise that the mints do not segregate coins by years.

No Liberty Head nickels were coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1925.

Mr. Guillermo Alba,
Leon, Guanajuanto,
Mexico.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 7 please be advised that the Mints of the United States are not now in the market for silver. We are, therefore, unable to accept from you at this time the shipment of Mexican pesos to which you refer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1925.

Mr. Paul G. Schaible, President,
Farmers & Merchants Bank,
Chelsea, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 18 I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which contains all the information available covering the coinage of money.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

December 21, 1925.

Mr. Julius Hinnant,
Box 21,
Wilson, North Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 19 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The card enclosed indicates the Assay Offices of the United States where assays of ore are made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1925.

Dr. R. W. Beck,
Breier Block,
Lewiston, Idaho.

Sir:

I have your letter of December 8 addressed to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, and forwarded by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to this office, relative to gold dust stolen from your placer camp on Hughes Creek.

The records of the Mints and Assay Offices are not available to inspection by the public, and we are unable, without a court order, to supply the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

December 21, 1925.

Mr. C. W. Foreman, President,
Southern Potteries, Inc.,
Erwin, Tennessee.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of deposit forwarded by you to this office. As there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government, I have today forwarded the same to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and have requested the Superintendent of that institution to communicate with you regarding it.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1925.

Blackwell Zinc Company,
Blackwell, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the 1925 preliminary estimate of gold and silver production of the United States, to which your reply has not yet been received. If your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, it will be appreciated if you will forward same at the earliest practicable date, in order that preparation of the estimate may not be so delayed as to prevent its completion by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1925.

Bartlesville Zinc Company,
Bartlesville,
Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the 1925 preliminary estimate of gold and silver production of the United States, to which your reply has not yet been received. If your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, it will be appreciated if you will forward same at the earliest practicable date, in order that preparation of the estimate may not be so delayed as to prevent its completion by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.
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December 21, 1925.

United States Smelting, Refining,
& Mining Company,
55 Congress Street,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the 1925 preliminary estimate of gold and silver production of the United States, to which your reply has not yet been received. If your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, it will be appreciated if you will forward same at the earliest practicable date, in order that preparation of the estimate may not be so delayed as to prevent its completion by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1925.

International Minerals and Metals Corp.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the 1925 preliminary estimate of gold and silver production of the United States, to which your reply has not yet been received. If your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, it will be appreciated if you will forward same at the earliest practicable date, in order that preparation of the estimate may not be so delayed as to prevent its completion by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1925.

Anaconda Copper Mining Company
and Subsidiaries,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the 1925 preliminary estimate of gold and silver production of the United States, to which your reply has not yet been received. If your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, it will be appreciated if you will forward same at the earliest practicable date, in order that preparation of the estimate may not be so delayed as to prevent its completion by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint. aR

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December 21, 1925.

American Smelting & Refining Company
and Subsidiaries,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the 1925 preliminary estimate of gold and silver production of the United States, to which your reply has not yet been received. If your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, it will be appreciated if you will forward same at the earliest practicable date, in order that preparation of the estimate may not be so delayed as to prevent its completion by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1925.

Arizona Binghamton Copper Company,
Stoddard,
Arizona.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the 1925 preliminary estimate of gold and silver production of the United States, to which your reply has not yet been received. If your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, it will be appreciated if you will forward same at the earliest practicable date, in order that preparation of the estimate may not be so delayed as to prevent its completion by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1925.

Balbach Smelting & Refining Co.,
580 Market Street,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the 1925 preliminary estimate of gold and silver production of the United States, to which your reply has not yet been received. If your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, it will be appreciated if you will forward same at the earliest practicable date, in order that preparation of the estimate may not be so delayed as to prevent its completion by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1925.

Irvington Smelting & Refining Works,
Irvington, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the 1925 preliminary estimate of gold and silver production of the United States, to which your reply has not yet been received. If your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, it will be appreciated if you will forward same at the earliest practicable date, in order that preparation of the estimate may not be so delayed as to prevent its completion by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1925.

American Metal Company,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the 1925 preliminary estimate of gold and silver production of the United States, to which your reply has not yet been received. If your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, it will be appreciated if you will forward same at the earliest practicable date, in order that preparation of the estimate may not be so delayed as to prevent its completion by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint, GR

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December 21, 1925.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the 1925 preliminary estimate of gold and silver production of the United States, to which your reply has not yet been received. If your reply has not passed this letter in the mail, it will be appreciated if you will forward same at the earliest practicable date, in order that preparation of the estimate may not be so delayed as to prevent its completion by the first of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1925.

Honorable George Wharton Pepper,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Pepper:

Your letter of December 18 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending the appointment of Professor Walter T. Taggert to the Annual Assay Commission, has been referred to this Bureau.

I am not able at this time to state the policy of the Department in regard to the list to be submitted to the President for appointment. Should it be found possible to again place Professor Taggert on the list I shall be glad to advise you later.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1925.

Mr. Everett Patton,

Hueysville, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 18 please be advised that no Liberty Head nickels were coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1925.

Mr. Louis Cohen,
4927 N. Ridgway Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that a $5.00 gold pieces contains 116.10 grains of pure gold. The total weight of the piece is 129 grains, the difference being made up of copper alloy. All gold and silver coins of the United States contain 900 parts pure gold or silver metal and 100 parts copper alloy.

The Government does not publish any information regarding the methods of making coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1925.

Thorpe Company,
19,146 Woodward Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 18 please be advised that there are no $1.00 gold pieces in the Mints or in the Treasury Department. The coinage of this denomination was discontinued by act of Congress in 1689.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1925.

Miss Mary D. Amelio,
Columbia Phonograph Company, Inc.,
1819 Broadway,
New York City.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the five-cent piece forwarded with your letter of December 21 and have to advise that there is no means of ascertaining the date on the coin. This particular type of nickel was coined from 1867 to 1883.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 24, 1925.

Mr. Moritz Wormser,
President, American Numismatic Association,
95 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a copy of a pamphlet issued by your Association on the subject of Numismatics, and a similar letter addressed to this Office, are respectfully acknowledged.

Very truly yours,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

December 28, 1925.

General Auditor,
American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Relative your preliminary reports production gold silver are the United States Zinc Company receipts additional to those reported for American Smelting Refining Company.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

"Contingent Expenses, Off. Direct. of the Mint 1926".

December 29, 1925.

Hon. Albert H. Vestal,
House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 24, 1925, recommending the appointment of Mrs. Mina Sample, Muncie, Indiana, as a member of the Annual Assay Commission. This Bureau will take pleasure in placing the name of Mrs. Sample on the list to be considered when the Secretary of the Treasury is preparing the names to be submitted to the President.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 28, 1925.

Dr. A. T. Pierce,
Magnolia, Mississippi.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd instant, together with king of dental scrap has been received by this Bureau and forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, there being no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the Government.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1925.

Audit Division,
General Accounting Office,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find voucher #163 in favor of the Scovill Manufacturing Company for $15,375.74, which it is requested be filed with the October, 1925, bullion account of Freas Styer, Superintendent, U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 31, 1925.

Mr. Charles R. Green,
Librarian, The Jones Library,
Amherst, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of December 29, 1925, asking about certain Presidential medals. The series of Presidential Medals, from Washington to Coolidge, is issued by the United States Mint at Philadelphia. They are sold for $1.00 each, plus postage, or, if purchased in numbers, express.

As a former Amherst woman I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of the President Coolidge Medal. The medals are made in bronze, or may be procured in silver or gold. They are uniform in size.

There is enclosed a list of the medals made at the Mint for sale to the public.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 31, 1925.

Mr. Ed Rittenmayer,
630 East Church Street,
Iowa City, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date you are advised that $2.50 gold pieces have been made during 1925 at the Mint, Denver. The Mints are not allowed to pay out coins except upon the order of the Treasurer of the United States. I would suggest that you address that officer at Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., in regard to obtaining a specimen of the pieces for your collection.

Respectfully

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 31, 1925.

Mr. Michael Deeslikind,
6145 Liebig Avenue,
Riverdale, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 29, 1925, please be advised that the Government does not issue platinum testers.

Respectfully,

M. A. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 31, 1925.

Mr. Herbert L. Griggs,
375 Park Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of December 28, 1925, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Office for attention.

The press statement that the Treasury Department proposes to issue a new coin in lieu of paper currency is without any basis of fact. The Department has not the intention of asking authority of Congress to modify the present coinage laws, without which authority a change in coins could not be made.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.